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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-63030-2025
Date of decision: 14.11.2025

HARJEET SINGH @ HARJIT SINGH @ HARVAPetitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: - Mr. Raghunath Chauhan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Savi Nagpal, Asst. A.G. Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 27 dated 05.02.2025, registered under Section(s) 21/22 of the NDPS Act (Section 29 of the NDPS Act was added later on) at Police Station Phillaur, District Jalandhar Rural.

2. Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that an i20 car, allegedly being driven by the petitioner without a registration plate, was intercepted by the police. Upon search of the petitioner and the other occupants, 60 Etizolam tablets were recovered from the petitioner, while 30 tablets and 02 grams of Heroin were recovered from the remaining

occupants. It is contended that the petitioner has been in custody since 05.02.2025 and has already undergone more than 9 months of actual custody. The trial has not yet commenced, and the prosecution has cited as many as 15 witnesses, indicating that the proceedings are likely to take considerable time to conclude.

3. Learned Counsel for the respondent-State does not dispute the aforesaid facts, however, she submits that the petitioner is involved in other criminal cases registered under the Indian Penal Code and the Arms Act, though none of them pertain to offences under the NDPS Act.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner, in response, submits that the petitioner has already been granted the concession of bail in the other cases registered against him. He further points out that the co-accused similarly situated have been extended the benefit of regular bail by this Court, vide order dated 04.06.2025 in CRM-M-28493-2025 titled Rajji v. State of Punjab and order dated 07.07.2025 in CRM-M-32920-2025 titled Jasvir Ram v. State of Punjab.

5. I have heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties.

6. In view of the facts noticed above and taking into consideration the period of custody undergone by the petitioner, his young age of 29 years, his first-time involvement in an offence under the NDPS Act, as well as the fact that the trial has not yet commenced and is likely to take considerable time to conclude, I deem it appropriate to direct that the petitioner be enlarged on regular bail to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court.

7. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

8. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly.

9. The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the Trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

NOVEMBER 14, 2025

Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No