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212 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 21.11.2025

Jhirmal Singh @ Raju @ Chattu

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. P.S. Sekhon, Sr. Advocate, with
Mr. Parshant, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Jasjit Singh, DAG, Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 BNSS is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.137 dated 03.06.2022, registered under Sections 15-C and 29 of NDPS Act at Police Station Shahkot, District Jalandhar (Rural).

2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been in custody for the last 1 year, 2 months and 15 days. His name based on the disclosure statement of the co-accused Samma Singh from whom the contraband was allegedly recovered, who was granted bail vide order dated 08.12.2023 passed in CRM-M-60780 of 2023, Annexure P-2, after being in custody for 1 years and about 6 months. No recovery was effected from the petitioner. He was not even present at the spot and has been falsely implicated. Charges have been framed on 02.06.2025 and out of total 16 prosecution witnesses, only 2 have been examined. He is involved in two cases under the NDPS Act, wherein he is on anticipatory bail and two more under the IPC, he is on bail. Reliance is placed on the judgment passed by Hon'ble The Supreme Court titled as **Maulana Mohd. Amir Rashadi vs. State of U.P. and others**, 2012(2) SCC 382.



3. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that the petitioner was specifically named by his co-accused and had ran away from the spot, though he was the driver of the vehicle from which the contraband was recovered. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to stage of the case, the petitioner being on bail and co-ccused granted bail.

4. Heard.

5. Hon'ble The Supreme Court in the case of **Maulana Mohd. Amir Rashadi** (supra) had held that, "As observed by the High Court, merely on the basis of criminal antecedents, the claim of the second respondent cannot be rejected. In other words, it is the duty of the Court to find out the role of the accused in the case in which he has been charged and other circumstances such as possibility of fleeing away from the jurisdiction of the Court, etc."

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the last 1 years, 2 months and 15 days; on bail in other case; co-accused is on bail; no recovery was effected from him; charges have been framed on 02.06.2025, out of total 16 prosecution witnesses, only 2 have been examined, the trial is likely to take a considerable time, further incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

7. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the



prosecution witnesses.

- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

8. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

9. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

21.11.2025

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	Whether reportable	:	Yes / No