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

**CRM-M-822-2025
DECIDED ON: 11.03.2026**

RAGHAV ALIAS RAGHU**.....PETITIONER**

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB**.....RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH.**

Present: Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed by the petitioner, seeking grant of regular bail, in case, FIR No.136, dated 06.09.2024, under Section 21 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Special Task Force, Phase-4, Mohali.

2. After hearing the submissions addressed by counsel for the petitioner, on 16.01.2025, following order was passed:-

“2. Counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that petitioner is a young boy of 21 years of age and has been implicated in a false case. To substantiate his plea of bail, counsel argues that the alleged recovery of 260 grams of Heroin, which in fact is little more than the non-commercial quantity i.e. 250 grams, leave room for possible error in weighing the contraband, which would be demonstrated at the time of trial.

3. Counsel further submits that petitioner is not involved in any other case of similar nature. Therefore, he prays that for this reason also, petitioner

be granted one chance to rise up and rehabilitate himself as a normal person in the society.

4. Besides, while referring to the report dated 30.09.2024, prepared by Dr. Rajan Mittal, MBBS, M.D. (Radiodiagnosis), Civil Hospital, Ferozepur, counsel submits that wife of the petitioner is pregnant and due date of delivery given by the Doctor is 01.02.2025.

5. On the other hand, all the factual assertions addressed by counsel for the petitioner are not disputed by learned State counsel. However, while opposing the prayer of the petitioner for concession of regular bail, learned State counsel submits that petitioner has been there inside jail only for three months, so considering the plea for regular bail at this stage, would be premature.

However, he expresses his inability in conforming the factum of the expected date of delivery of the wife of the petitioner i.e. 01.02.2025.

6. Be that as it may, for the time being, this Court considers to release the petitioner on interim regular bail for a period of three months from the date of his release from the jail, by keeping the present petition pending before this Court. During this period, the conduct of the petitioner shall be examined as per the report submitted by the learned State counsel.

7. Petitioner is ordered to be released on interim regular bail in this case for a period of three months, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Illaqa Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case. He is directed to surrender back before the learned Trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Illaqa Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, on or before 21.04.2025.

8. List again on 28.04.2025, for further consideration.

Meanwhile, learned State counsel shall direct the concerned authority to confirm the factum of pregnancy of the wife of the petitioner, and in case, same is found to be false, immediately thereafter, an application for cancellation of interim bail shall be moved by the State in the present case.”

3. When petitioner and his co-accused, Amrik Singh @ Amriki @ Bata, were apprehended together, 260 grams of heroin was recovered from their possession.

4. Petitioner was granted the concession of interim bail by this Court, vide order dated 16.01.2025, on account of the pregnancy of his wife. Thereafter, he was again released on interim bail, vide order dated 13.11.2025.

5. Although petitioner has remained in custody for a period of more than 11 months, but learned State counsel has raised a serious objection by submitting that after grant of interim bail by this Court, during the period from 19.02.2025 to 16.04.2025, petitioner was found to be in contact with another accused, namely Shivpreet Singh @ Siva, who is also involved in NDPS cases.

It has also been pointed out by learned State counsel that petitioner had contacted the said accused as many as 120 times during the aforementioned period.

6. This Court has perused the status report dated 17.02.2026 as well as the call detail records of the mobile phones of the petitioner and the said accused, Shivpreet Singh @ Siva.

7. Although this Court could have considered the prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner, however, in view of the nature of the objection raised by learned State counsel and with a view to send an appropriate message to the youth in the State of Punjab, it is considered necessary to observe that petitioner was not expected to misuse the concession of interim bail, by maintaining frequent contact with other persons involved in NDPS cases.

8. Accordingly, present petition stands dismissed at this stage.
9. However, it shall be open for the petitioner to file a fresh petition seeking regular bail, after a period of about four months from today.

11.03.2026
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>