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AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-5627-2026
Date of decision: 22.04.2026

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...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Ms. Mahima Dogra, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. By way of the present petition, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case FIR No.162 dated 05.07.2025 registered under Sections 22(b)/61/85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act') at Police Station Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case; the quantity of contraband recovered in in the present case falls under the category of non-commercial quantity; the petitioner is in custody since 06.07.2025; in the present case, charges have been framed and the trial is at the stage of prosecution evidence and trial of the case is likely to take long time. As such, learned counsel prays for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant submitted that the petitioner is involved in four



more FIRs except the present one and case is fixed for prosecution evidence and is to be concluded shortly. As such, he prayed for dismissal of the present petition.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner, as the petitioner is in custody since 06.07.2025, the instant petition stands disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to expedite the proceedings and conclude the trial preferably within a period of two months from the next date of hearing fixed before it. If the trial Court fails to conclude the trial within the stipulated period, the petitioner would be at liberty to move an appropriate application seeking grant of bail before the Trial Court. Upon such application being filed, the trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail subject to his furnishing requisite bonds to its satisfaction by imposing such condition so that his presence can be secured during the trial, as the petitioner has been in custody for the last 09 months and 15 days. It is made clear that if the delay in the trial is caused on the part of the petitioner/accused, then he shall not be entitled for the aforesaid relief.

April 22, 2026
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |