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

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**CRM-M-10249-2026 (O&M)**  
**Date of decision: 21.04.2026**

**Prince Kumar****...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present:- Mr. R. K. Kachura, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

**MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)**

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 183 dated 01.11.2025, registered under Sections 21(a), 21(b) and 27(A) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (*for short 'NDPS Act'*) at Police Station City Maout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. Brief facts of the case relevant for the disposal of the present petition are that on 01.11.2025, on the basis of a secret information, the petitioner was apprehended by a police party and recovery 20.71 grams of heroin and drug money of Rs.6,50,000/- was effected from him. He was formally arrested. After completion of necessary investigation and usual formalities, challan was presented in the Court and presently, the petitioner is facing trial for commission of aforementioned offence.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has

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been falsely implicated in this case. A false recovery has been planted upon him. He has clean antecedents. Even otherwise, the quantity of the recovered contraband does not fall under commercial quantity. The petitioner is in judicial custody since 01.11.2025. Trial will take time as no prosecution witness out of total 18 witnesses has been examined so far. No useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody anymore. Therefore, it is urged that the petition deserves to be allowed and the petitioner deserves to be released on regular bail.

4. Status report and custody certificate of the petitioner have been filed by the respondent-State. It is submitted by learned State counsel that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner, he is not entitled to get benefit of bail. Hence, it is urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

5. This Court has heard the rival submissions.

6. The petitioner has been in custody since 01.11.2025. The quantity of the contraband allegedly recovered from him does not fall under commercial quantity. It will be a matter of trial as to whether the aforesaid amount of money, allegedly recovered from the petitioner, was drug money or not. Investigation has since been completed and challan has been filed. Conclusion of trial would take considerable time as no prosecution witness has been examined so far. The petitioner has clean antecedents. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this Court is of the considered opinion that no useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody anymore. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to

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the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned. However, it will be open for the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail in case the petitioner is found involved in any other subsequent case.

7. It is made clear that any observation made herein above is only for the purpose of deciding the present petition and the same shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

21.04.2026  
*Waseem R. Ansari*

(MANISHA BATRA)  
JUDGE

*Whether speaking/reasoned*  
*Whether reportable*

*Yes/No*  
*Yes/No*