

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

2026:PHHC:071257



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CRM-M-13760-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision:07.05.2026

Manpreet Singh @ Manna

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. J.S. Marwaha, Advocate and
Mr. Yashdeep Saha, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Roshandeep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

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Manisha Batra, J. (Oral).

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.26, dated 02.02.2026, registered under Section 22-B of the NDPS Act (offence Under Section 29 of the NDPS Act was added lateron), at Police Station Sadiq, District Faridkot.

2. Vide order dated 12.03.2026, passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

3. Status report has been filed by learned State counsel and he on instructions from the Investigating Officer has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 18.03.2026 and is not required for custodial interrogation.

4. This Court has heard the rival submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

5. Given the nature of the allegations as levelled against the petitioner, this Court is of the considered opinion that no case for pre-trial incarceration of the petitioner is made out. Even otherwise, pre-trial incarceration should not be a replica of post conviction sentencing. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 12.03.2026 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of BNSS.

6. Since the main petition has been disposed of, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

07.05.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether reportable :	Yes/No

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE