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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 08.05.2026

SURENDER SINGH @ VIKKI RANA

..PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF HARYANA

..RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. H.S. Sullar, Advocate with
Mr. Haneesh Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.36 dated 25.02.2024, registered under Sections 20(b) (ii) (C) of the NDPS Act 1985, at Police Station Kosli, District Rewari.

2. Briefly stated, allegations against the present petitioner are that he was apprehended by the police officials on the basis of a secret information and as per police version, petitioner was found in conscious possession of 1 kg 700 grams Sulfa.



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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for grant of concession of regular bail on following grounds:-

- (i) petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case; as he only happened to accompany co-accused.
- (ii) investigation qua petitioner has been completed and he is in custody for more than last 2 years and 02 months;
- (iii) petitioner is having clean and clear antecedents and is not involved in any other case except this one;
- (iv) out of 16 only 06 witnesses have been examined.

4. In pursuance of advance notice, Mr. Surender Singh Pannu, Addl. AG., Haryana/Punjab, accepted the notice on behalf of the respondent-State and vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on following grounds:

- (i) petitioner was arrested at the spot and at the time of conducting his search and alleged contraband was recovered from his possession.
- (ii) co-accused are yet to be arrested in the present matter.

5. Heard.

6. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case and the contentions raised by learned counsel for the parties, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioners on the following aspects:

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- (i) petitioner has been in custody for more than last 02 years and 02 months;
- (ii) petitioner is having clean and clear antecedents and is not involved in any other case except this one;
- (iii) trial will take sufficient time to conclude as only 06 witnesses out of 16 have been examined so far;
- (iv) no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any further period as prolonged incarceration generally militates against the most precious fundamental right guaranteed under Article 21 of Constitution and in such situation, conditional liberty must override the statutory embargo created under NDPS Act.

7. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petitions are allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

May, 08, 2026
Poonam Sharma

(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/NO

Whether Reportable: YES/NO