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AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-15303-2026**  
**Date of decision: 04.05.2026**

**ANKIT**

**...PETITIONER**

**V/S**

**STATE OF HARYANA**

**...RESPONDENT**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA**

Present: Mr. Ritender Rathee, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Surender Singh Pannu, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

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**SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)**

1. By way of the present petition, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case FIR No.0252 dated 05.08.2025 registered under Section 15 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act') at Police Station Israna, District Panipat.
2. After arguing for some time, when this Court was not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, learned counsel limited his prayer to the extent that the trial of the case is at the stage of prosecution evidence and the trial Court be directed to expedite the proceedings and to conclude the trial expeditiously.
3. On the other hand, learned State counsel placed on record the custody certificate of the petitioner, which is taken on record. He submitted that the petitioner is a habitual offender and is involved in several cases. As such, he prayed for dismissal of the present petition.



4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering that the petitioner is in custody since 11.08.2025, as well as the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, 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 six months from the next date of hearing fixed before it.

5. 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 and on such condition as may be deemed appropriate to secure his presence during the trial, particularly in view of the fact that the petitioner has been in custody for the last 08 months and 21 days.

6. 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.

May 04, 2026  
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)  
JUDGE

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