

**214 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

2026:PHHC:056858



**CRM-M-18872-2026 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 16.04.2026**

**MANJIT SINGH ALIAS LOVE ... PETITIONER
VERSUS
STATE OF PUNJAB ... RESPONDENT**

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Ms. Samanpreet Kaur, Advocate and
Mr. Harmanpreet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (439 Cr.P.C.) in FIR No.15 dated 29.01.2026 under Sections 21, 27(A), 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act registered at Police Station Chattiwind, District Amritsar Rural.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 29.01.2026, the Police party apprehended one Arshdeep Singh @ Arsh with 05 grams of heroin along with drug money of Rs.200/-, who disclosed that he had purchased the said contraband from the petitioner.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been implicated falsely in the present case. The petitioner has been nominated solely on the basis of the disclosure statement of the co-accused. The petitioner is in custody for the last 02 months and 15 days and is not involved in any other case. He prays for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

4. Notice of motion.

Mr. Rohit Hans, D.A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the

State and vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground of gravity of allegations. Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate in Court, which is taken on record. He further submits that as per the custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last 02 months and 15 days.

6. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

7. After hearing the rival contentions of the learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case that apart from the disclosure statement, there is no other evidence to connect the petitioner with the recovery of the contraband; he is not involved in any other case; the petitioner is in custody for the last 02 months and 15 days and conclusion of trial is likely to take a long time and continuous detention of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice, this Court deems it fit to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner during the pendency of the trial. Moreover, *'bail is rule and jail is exception'*.

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

9. It is clarified that while on bail so granted through the instant order the petitioner is found indulging in any other criminal case, it shall be open to the State to seek cancellation of his bail.

16.04.2026

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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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