



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

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CRM-M-17679-2026 (O&M)
Date of decision: 08.04.2026

Manjeet Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Kuldeep Singh Siwach, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Gautam Kaile, DAG Haryana

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 BNSS is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.344 dated 14.09.2025, registered under Sections 15(b), 29 (Act No.61) of NDPS Act at Police Station Sadar Fatehabad, District Fatehabad.

2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been in custody for more than 3 months. He alleges false implication. His name surfaced based on the disclosure statement of co-accused Sukhwinder Singh, from whom non-commercial quantity of contraband has been allegedly recovered, it being 36 kg and 960 grams of Kachra Doda Post. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner. There is no evidence to connect him with the aforesaid co-accused. Charges have been framed on 19.03.2026, however, out of 19 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined. He is not involved in any other case.

3. The custody certificate dated 07.04.2026, filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record. As per the same, the petitioner is behind bars for 3 months and 1 day.



4. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that the petitioner has been specifically named by his co-accused, from whom the contraband in question was recovered. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to stage and the petitioner being on bail in other cases.

5. Heard.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the last 3 months and 1 day; not involved in any other case; charges were framed on 19.03.2026, however, the prosecution evidence is yet to commence, the trial is likely to take a considerable time, further incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

7. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.



- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

8. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

9. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

08.04.2026
M.Kamra

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