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

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Date of decision :04.05.2026

Kirpal Singh @ Laddi

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Gurmehar Singh Minhas, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Raj Karan Singh, A.A.G., Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.185 dated 18.06.2025, under Sections 21(b), 22(b), 22(c) and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

2. Succinctly the facts of the case are that the Police party while on patrolling on 18.06.2025, when reached near village Jagatpur Panjdhera, 02 young men and a women were seen coming on foot holding waxy black envelopes in their hands. On seeing the police, they got perplexed and threw the waxy envelopes into the grass, however, they were apprehended by the police party. On asking, the first person disclosed his name to be Kirpal Singh @ Ladi (petitioner herein), second person disclosed his name to be Bevan Kumar @ Baby and the woman disclosed her name to be Ramandeep Kaur. They were suspected to be carrying some contraband in the bags which thrown by them, hence, the



Kirpal Singh @ Laddi, 145 loose intoxicating tablets were recovered, from the poly bag thrown by accused Bowan Kumar @ Bobby, 35 loose intoxicating tablets were recovered and from search of poly bag thrown by accused Ramandeep Kaur, 05 grams of heroin was recovered. They failed to produce any license regarding possession of the same and hence, the FIR was registered and they were arrested on spot. The investigation commenced. The samples taken were sent to the FSL. On receipt of FSL report, challan was presented and on framing of charges, trial commenced. The petitioner approached the Court of Learned Judge, Special Court, Jalandhar praying for grant of bail, however, finding no merit, the same was declined after hearing both the sides by Learned trial Court vide order dated 20.03.2026. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner is before this Court by way of filing of present petition for grant of bail.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He submits that the alleged recovery from the petitioner is 145 loose intoxicant tablets containing Alprazolam which was found to be weighing 19.6 grams, which falls under the category of non-commercial quantity. He submits that the commercial quantity has been recovered from the co-accused and not from the petitioner. To buttress his arguments, he submits that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents as he has never been involved in any other case. He submits that the alleged recovery was effected from a public place, however, no independent witness was joined by the investigating agency. He submits that there is blatant violation of mandatory provisions of Section 50 of NDPS Act and conscious possession of the petitioner is also not proved. He thus, submits that in the facts and circumstances of the case, the petitioner deserves to be



granted bail.

4. Per contra, learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by the counsel for the petitioner and submits that though the alleged recovery effected from the petitioner is 19.6 grams of Alprazolam whereas from the co-accused, 35 loose intoxicating tablets containing 6.37 grams of Etizolam and 05 grams of heroin, were recovered. He submits that though the charges are framed, however, out of total 10 prosecution witnesses, witnesses given up and 08 witnesses still remains to be examined. He has produced the custody certificate of the petitioner on record.

5. After hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the alleged recovery from the petitioner is 145 loose intoxicating tablets containing 19.6 grams of Alprazolam, which is admittedly falls under the category of non-commercial quantity. As per custody certificate, the petitioner has suffered an incarceration of 03 months and 27 days as on 02.05.2026. It further reflects that though petitioner has no criminal antecedents. As submitted before this Court, charges are already framed, however, out of total 10 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far.

6. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court.

7. The trial of the case will take sufficiently long time. Thus, keeping in view the overall facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioner succeeds in making out a case for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

8. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No