

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

2026:PHHC:057120



CRM-M-18997-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 16.04.2026

MANJEET

... PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

... RESPONDENT

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

Present:- Mr. V.P.Sangwan, 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.24 dated 03.02.2026 under Section 21(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act registered at Police Station Dadri Sadar, District Charkhi Dadri.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 03.02.2026, on the basis of secret information, the Police party apprehended the petitioner with 09.43 grams of heroin, who stated that he had purchased the said contraband from one Sher Singh @ Shera.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been implicated falsely in the present case. The petitioner is in custody for the last 02 months and 09 days and is not involved in any other case. He prays for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Vijay Kumar, AAG Haryana 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 09 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 the petitioner is in custody for the last 02 months and 09 days; he is not involved in any other case; 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