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

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CRM-M-21433-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 07.05.2026

Deepak Taleja**...Petitioner****Versus****State of Haryana****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present:- Mr. Kushager Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

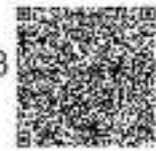
Mr. Neeraj Poswal, AAG, Haryana.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. Through the instant petition, filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No. 147 dated 26.03.2026, registered under Section 21(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (*for short* 'NDPS Act') Police Station City Sirsa, District Sirsa.

2. Brief facts of the case relevant for the purpose of disposal of the this petition are that on 26.03.2026, co-accused Shivam Rehlan was apprehended by a police party and recovery of 07 grams 67 milligrams of cocaine was effected. He was formally arrested. On interrogation, he disclosed that he had purchased the recovered contraband from the present petitioner. On the basis of the same, the petitioner has been nominated in this case as an accused. Apprehending her arrest, the petitioner had moved an application for

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grant of anticipatory bail before the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Sirsa but the same had been dismissed, vide order dated 08.04.2026.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case on the basis of the disclosure statement of the above named co-accused, which cannot be considered to be admissible in evidence. There is nothing on record to show that he had supplied the recovered contraband to the co-accused. More so, the quantity of the contraband allegedly recovered from the co-accused does not fall under commercial quantity. The petitioner is ready to join the investigation. His custodial interrogation is not required. No recovery is to be effected from him. No useful purpose would be served by detaining him into custody. It is, therefore, urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

4. Status report has been filed by the respondent-State. Learned State counsel has argued that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner as well as his criminal antecedents, he is not entitled to get benefit of bail. His custodial interrogation is required for proper investigation in the matter. Hence, it is urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

5. This Court has heard the rival submissions.

6. The petitioner has been nominated in this case on the basis of the disclosure made by co-accused Shivam Rehlan, who was apprehended by the police party on 26.03.2026 and from whom, recovery of 07 grams 67 milligrams of cocaine was effected. The allegations against the petitioner are that he had supplied the recovered contraband to the co-accused. The said

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quantity of the contraband does not fall under commercial quantity. At this stage, there is nothing on record, except the disclosure statement of the co-accused, to connect the petitioner with the subject offences. It is a question of debate as to whether the petitioner was involved in sale/purchase of contraband or not. In view thereof, this Court is of the considered opinion that the pre-trial incarceration of the petitioner is not required, and he has made out a case for grant of anticipatory bail to him. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is granted concession of anticipatory bail, subject to the compliance of conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS. He is directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer to join investigation within a period of ten days from today or as and when subsequently required thereafter. In the event of his arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on bail subject to his/her satisfaction.

7. It is made clear that any observation made herein above is only for the purpose of deciding the present petition and the same shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

07.05.2026
Waseem R. Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>