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

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CRM-M-22798-2026 (O&M)
Date of decision: 08.05.2026

Kulwinder Kaur @ Kinde @ Keetu**...Petitioner**

Versus

State of Punjab**...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present:- Mr. Barjinder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, is for grant of interim bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 16 dated 01.02.2026, registered under Sections 22,29 and 31 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (*for short 'NDPS Act'*) at Police Station Nakodar, District Jalandhar (Rural) till the receipt of the FSL report.

2. Brief facts of the case relevant for the disposal of the present petition are that on 01.02.2026, the petitioner was apprehended by a police party and recovery of 82 loose intoxicant tablets was effected from her. Since she could not produce any valid license or permit to keep in her possession the recovered drugs, she was formally arrested at the spot.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that she has been falsely implicated in this case. A false recovery was planted upon her.

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Even otherwise, FSL report has not yet been received, so as to arrive at a definite conclusion that the recovered tablets contained any narcotic or psychotropic substance. Hence, it is urged that till the receipt of the FSL report, the petitioner may be enlarged on interim bail.

4. Status report has been filed by the respondent-State. It is submitted by learned State counsel that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner as well as her criminal antecedents, she is not entitled to get benefit of bail. Hence, it is urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed. However, it is not disputed that FSL report has not yet been received.

5. This Court has heard the rival submissions.

6. The petitioner is in custody since 01.02.2026. The FSL report has not yet been received so as to ascertain whether the recovered tablets were containing any psychotropic substance or not and if so, whether the quantity of the recovered contraband falls under commercial quantity or not. Hence, in view of the judgment of this Court in ***Inderjeet Singh @ Laddi and others vs State of Punjab, 2014 (3) RCR (Criminal) 953***, wherein it has been held that awaiting the report of Chemical Examiner/FSL, the accused-petitioner can be granted interim bail till the receiving of such report, the present petition is disposed of. The petitioner is directed to be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaqua Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, till receiving of the FSL report. The petitioner shall submit an undertaking before the trial Court/Illaqua Magistrate/Duty Magistrate along with her personal/surety bonds to the effect that she will surrender before the trial

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Court on receipt of the FSL report; shall herself keep an eye on presentation of the challan and shall appear before the learned trial Court, if so required.

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.

08.05.2026

Waseem Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No