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

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**CRM-M-22209-2026 (O&M)
Date of decision : 23.04.2026**

Talwinder Singh @ Mintu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present:- Mr. Naresh Jain, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition is for grant of interim bail to the petitioner in case arising out of FIR No. 09 dated 15.03.2023, registered under Sections 21(C) and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station SSOC, Fazilka, District Fazilka, in order to enable him to attend the *Bhog* ceremony of his mother, which is fixed for 24.04.2026.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused in the aforesaid case and is lodged in Central Jail, Faridkot since long. His mother has died on 16.04.2026 and her *Bhog* ceremony is fixed for 24.04.2026. It is further submitted that since there is no active male member in the family, the petitioner is required to perform the rituals related to said ceremony. Hence, it is urged that the petitioner may be granted concession of interim bail for the said purpose.

3. Learned State counsel, on the basis of the report received from the SHO of the Police Station concerned, has not disputed the aforesaid fact but

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has expressed apprehension of the petitioner’s absconding or committing similar offences, if extended benefit of interim bail.

4. This Court has heard the rival submissions.
5. Since the mother of the petitioner has admittedly died on 16.04.2026 and her *Bhog* ceremony is to be performed on 24.04.2026, this Court finds it appropriate to release the petitioner on interim bail to perform the rituals relating to said ceremony. Accordingly, the present petition is partly allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released from custody on interim bail w.e.f. 24.04.2026 till 26.04.2026, subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned. He is directed to surrender before the jail authorities on 27.04.2026 by 05:00 PM, without fail.
6. Let a copy of this order be given *Dasti* to learned counsel for the petitioner under the signatures of the Reader of this Court.

23.04.2026
Waseem R. Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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