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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 18.02.2026

Manga Singh alias Manga

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Ms. Bhupinder Kaur Bhangu, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr. Jasdeep Singh Gill, Addl. A.G., Punjab

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner – Manga Singh alias Manga has filed instant third bail petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 439 Cr.P.C.), for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, during the pendency of trial, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
0191	05.07.2020	22/29/61/85 of NDPS Act, 1985	Sultanpur Lodhi	Kapurthala

2. On 05.07.2020, FIR in question was registered, because of effecting recovery of 260 grams of intoxicating powder from the possession of the petitioner, which he was carrying in a polythene bag, and after taking out the same from his right pocket of the pant thrown the same on the left side of the road in grass. On 10.08.2020, in the absence of filing of challan alongwith FSL report, petitioner was granted bail by observing that in case the quantity is found to be commercial, petitioner will have to surrender back to the jail.

On 16.12.2020, final report/challan in the case was submitted to the

Court, with the report that the recovered intoxicating powder is found to be

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containing the salt to Alprazolam. Despite, filing of challan and issuing notice, petitioner did not appeared, however, he made attempt to seek anticipatory bail by filing a petition before this Court bearing No. CRM-M-51573-2021 and the same was disposed vide order dated 13.12.2021 by observing that if the petitioner surrenders before the trial Court within a period of 10 days and applies for grant of regular bail, the same will be decided within a period of one week thereafter in accordance with law.

In separate petition whereby the proclamation proceedings were challenged i.e. in CRM-M-9936-2025 (Annexure P-3) again petitioner was granted liberty to surrender and move an application seeking grant of regular bail within 10 days and then to get decided his regular bail application within a period of next two days in accordance with law. This time, the petitioner surrendered before the Court, however, his regular bail application was dismissed by the trial Court vide order dated 27.02.2025, since then petitioner is inside jail.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that apart the present case, the petitioner was made accused in case FIR No. 184 dated 28.11.2018 registered under Section 21 of NDPS Act at Police Station City Jalandhar, however, in the said case there was a recovery of 01 gram of Heroin and after holding him guilty, he was ordered to be sentenced for the already undergone period i.e. for 20 days except of the said case no other case was ever registered against the petitioner, even during the period, he failed to appear before the Court below, after grant of default bail on 10.08.2020. Thus, counsel contends that except of the present case, no proceeding under the NDPS Act, is pending against the petitioner and, therefore, he be afforded one chance to rehabilitate himself in the Society, as he only 29 years of age and his complete future career is ahead of him.



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4. On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that although one more criminal case is registered against the petitioner but the same is not under NDPS Act, details of second case are FIR No. 75 dated 25.06.2013 under Sections 308, 148, 149 IPC at Police Station Kartarpur, District Jalandhar.

5. I have considered the submissions addressed by learned counsel for the parties.

6. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court is of the considered view that further incarceration of the petitioner would not serve any useful purpose.

Consequently, prayer made in the present petition is **allowed**. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

7. Needless to observe that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.

8. The observation made here-in-above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case and the Trial Court is expected to decide the case on the basis of complete evidence available on record.

9. It is further made clear that if, in future, petitioner is directly found indulged in similar kind of activities, this order shall be deemed to be cancelled.

10. Petition stands **disposed of**.

Misc. application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

18.02.2026

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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No