



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

CRM-M-30841-2025

DECIDED ON: 11.03.2026

SAROOP SINGH ALIAS SARUP SINGH **.....PETITIONER**

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB **.....RESPONDENT**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH.

Present: Mr.Gagandeep Singh Simble, Advocate,
 for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed by the petitioner, seeking grant of regular bail, in case, FIR No.253, dated 19.09.2024, under Sections 22, 61 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Batala, District Gurdaspur.
2. After hearing the contentions addressed by counsel for the petitioner, on 10.11.2025, following order was passed:-

“As per the case of the prosecution, on 19.09.2024, a police party from P.S. Civil Lines, Batala, was on patrolling near Hansli drain, during that period, intercepted a man, who was later identified as Saroop Singh(petitioner herein). While, he was in the process of throwing the polythene bag by taking it out from the pocket of his shirt, police team apprehended him and from the said polythene bag recovered 50 intoxicant tablets. Consequently, aforementioned FIR was registered.

Petitioner was initially granted interim bail on 05.11.2024 (P-3). However, following the receipt of the Chemical Examiner's Report , which confirmed

that the recovered tablets contained Etizolam Salt weighing 9.5 grams, the petitioner was taken into custody on 17.04.2025 (P-4). Thus recovered 50 tablets alongwith the Etizolam salt weighing 9.5 grams would be quantified as commercial quantity . Counsel argued that as of now petitioner has suffered incarceration of 8 months and 11 days, however, he being a person of 47 years is never found indulged in any other similar activity thus, there would be every likelihood of his false implication as a first time offender, plea of bail requires to be considered by affording him chance once to rehabilitate and join the normal course of life. Otherwise also complete family is dependant upon him, thus, prays for grant of bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that commercial quantity of the contraband has been recovered from the petitioner and he is involved in other cases also.

Learned State counsel prays for some time to verify the factum of involvement of the petitioner in other cases.

Custody certificate filed by learned State counsel is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.

List again on 15.01.2026.”

3. Today, learned State counsel submits that heavy quantity of contraband has been recovered from the possession of the petitioner.

It is further submitted that petitioner has been convicted in three other cases, though, he has already undergone the sentences awarded therein, and one more criminal case is still pending against him. In this regard, he produces custody certificate dated 10.03.2026 of the petitioner, and the same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place on the file.

4. Keeping in view the criminal antecedents of the petitioner, this Court does not deem it appropriate to grant the concession of regular bail to him in the present case. **Accordingly, present petition stands dismissed, at this stage.**

5. However, liberty is granted to the petitioner to file a fresh petition seeking regular bail, after completing a further period of six months of custody, from today.

11.03.2026
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No