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IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 23.02.2026

HARPREET SINGH ALIAS DHALLA ... Petitioner
VERSUS
STATE OF PUNJAB ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. GREWAL.

Present: Mr. Ankit Tayal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rishabh Singla, AAG, Punjab.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 483 Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking regular bail for the petitioner in case FIR No.76 dated 27.06.2024 under Sections 22/29/61/85 of the NDPS Act and Section 341(2) of BNS (Section 29 of NDPS and Section 340(2) of BNS added subsequently) registered at Police Station Makhu, District Ferozepur.
2. The case of the prosecution is that 2,500 intoxicating tablets, namely Clovidal-100 SR, containing 1,110 grams of Tramadol Hydrochloride, were recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner and his co-accused. The recovered contraband falls within the category of commercial quantity. At the time of recovery, the petitioner was travelling along with the co-accused on a motorcycle bearing registration No. PB-05U-1165.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has falsely implicated in the present case. Nothing has been recovered from the petitioner. It is further submitted that the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 years 07 months and 23 days and the trial is progressing at a snail's pace.



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4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer made by Id. counsel for the petitioner on the ground that the contraband was recovered from the joint possession of the petitioner and the contraband falls under the ambit of commercial quantity. He has filed the custody certificate of the petitioner in the Court today and the same is taken on record.
6. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.
7. After hearing the rival contentions of learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the serious nature of the allegations; the recovery of contraband from the joint possession of the petitioner, and the fact that the same falls under the category of commercial quantity, this Court does not find it to be a fit case for grant of bail.
8. Accordingly, the present petition stands dismissed.
9. However, the petitioner shall be at liberty to move a fresh application for bail in the event the trial does not make substantial progress within a period of three months.

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(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No