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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on : 18.03.2026

Karamjit Singh @ Bobby

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate  
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, DAG Punjab

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SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed 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:-

| Name of Petitioner(s)                 | FIR No. | Date       | Section(s)                                                      | Police Station | District  |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Karamjit Singh @ Bobby, aged 35 years | 35      | 28.03.2024 | 21/22/29 of NDPS Act (Sections 482/411/120-B IPC added lateron) | Nakodar Sadar  | Jalandhar |

2. On the basis of secret information, instant case was registered with the allegation that one Rano is indulged in selling narcotics and more than 10 cases are registered against her. Further information was received that some landed property has been purchased by her, for doing the illegal business in drugs and she has also



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purchased vehicles to meet out the purpose. On the basis of information, FIR in question was registered against only accused Rano. Since as per information, Rano used to conceal the narcotic substances in her house, raid was conducted at the disclosed place and 310 intoxicating tablets were recovered and at that time named accused Rano succeeded in running away from the spot. However, petitioner was found present there in the house, who disclosed that infact the de-addiction centre is being run by him in the said premises by taking a room on rent from Rano. Thereupon, 310 intoxicating tablets were recovered from the said house, which later on were, confirmed as tablets of Etizolam, containing salt 30.69 grams, which fall within the ambit of commercial quantity i.e. more than 2.5 grams.

3. From the custody certificate, it is found that petitioner is already inside jail in the present case since the period of last 01 year, 11 months and 16 days, however, he is found indulged in two other NDPS cases. There are three other cases registered against the petitioner and two of those are under the provisions of NDPS Act. The other three cases are mentioned here as under:-

*(i) FIR No. 219/2019 dated 19.06.2019, under Section 22/61/85 of NDPS Act at Police Station Phillaur.*

*(ii) FIR No. 8/2013 dated 02.02.2013, under Section 21 of NDPS Act at Police Station Sadar Banga*

*(iii) FIR No. 276/2014 dated 14.10.2014, under Section 380, 411, 457 at Police Station Phillaur*

4. Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the petitioner responds that in none of these cases, petitioner has been convicted, however, in one of the case i.e. FIR No. 8/2013 dated 02.02.2013 (supra), he was convicted and sentenced

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for the period already undergone i.e. period of one month. Prime contention is that out of total 61 witnesses only one has been examined till date. Therefore, he submits that petitioner can not be detained for an indefinite period. Thus, prays for grant of bail.

5. Learned State counsel, opposed the prayer and submissions advanced by learned counsel for the petitioner, however, he does not deny the fact that petitioner is in custody for last 01 year, 11 months and 16 days.

6. This Court has heard the submissions addressed by learned counsel for the parties and has carefully perused the record available before it.

7. Although the charges are vague and the recovered quantity is significantly higher than the maximum of commercial quantity (i.e. more than 2.5 grams) the conclusion of trial would not likely to be concluded in the near future, therefore, this Court does not find any substantial reason to continue the petitioners in detention any longer.

8. 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/ Illaqa Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

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

10. 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.

11. 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.



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12.           Petition stands disposed of.

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

March 18, 2026

(SANJAY VASHISTH)  
JUDGE

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