



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-49309-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 16.03.2026

Ravi Jha @ Choru

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Balvinder Sangwan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. B. S. Saroha, DAG, Haryana

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 BNSS is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.265 dated 04.10.2022, registered under Section 22(c) of NDPS Act (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on) at Police Station BPTP, Faridabad.
2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been in custody for 10 months and 16 days. His name surfaced based on disclosure statement of co-accused Ajay Kumar, from whom no recovery was effected and was granted bail vide order dated 19.11.2024, who was named by co-accused Saddab @ Manoj Tiwari, from also no recovery was effected and was granted bail on 21.07.2023. However, commercial quantity of contraband was allegedly recovered from co-accused Rohit @ Chandila, it being 1600 injection of Buprenorphine (2 ml each), who has been granted bail by Hon'ble the Supreme Court vide order dated 01.10.2024. Besides him, co-accused Sarfaraz has been granted bail vide order



dated 19.01.2026. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner. *Challan* was presented on 30.07.2025, but charges have not been framed so far. In all there are 37 prosecution witnesses. He is not involved in any other case.

3. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that the commercial quantity of contraband has been recovered from the co-accused of the petitioner, who had specifically named him. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to stage of the trial; co-accused enlarged on bail and the petitioner being not involved in any other case.

4. Heard.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the last 10 months and 16 days; co-accused are on bail; not involved in any other case; *challan* was presented on 30.07.2025, but charges are to be framed; there are a total of 37 prosecution witnesses, the trial is likely to take a considerable time, further incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

6. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the



offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.

- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

8. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

9. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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Whether reportable	:	Yes / No