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

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Decided on :27.02.2026**

Mandeep Kaur

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Gobind Singh Randhawa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.53 dated 20.03.2025, under Sections 21(b), 21(c), 29 of NDPS Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Chheharta, Police District Police Commissionerate Amritsar.

2. As per the prosecution case, on 20.03.2025, the main accused, namely Alam Arora and Manmeet @ Gullu, were together. Upon noticing the police party, accused Alam Arora threw a plastic polythene bag on the ground. Upon search of the said bag, 210 grams of heroin were recovered.

Subsequently, the arrested accused disclosed that the recovered heroin had been delivered to them by the petitioner, Mandeep Kaur. Thereafter, the petitioner was arrested on 21.03.2025.

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Further case of the prosecution is that accused Alam Arora and Manmeet @ Gullu made their disclosure statements on 22.03.2025, pursuant to which 5 kilograms and 183 grams of heroin were recovered.

During the course of investigation, one more accused, namely Jobanjeet Singh, who is the real brother of the petitioner, was nominated as an accused while he was already confined in jail, on the basis of the disclosure statement of the present petitioner. However, no narcotic contraband was recovered from his possession.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and has no previous involvement in any similar case. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that charges were framed on 29.01.2026; however, process of recording the statements of the prosecution witnesses, who are 16 in number, has not yet commenced. Counsel further submits that trial is likely to take considerable time and, therefore, prays for the grant of regular bail.

4. Contention of the petitioner's counsel that petitioner is a widow and that she has never been found involved in any other similar activity could not be refuted by learned State counsel. It is also not disputed that the petitioner has no previous criminal antecedents. However, learned State counsel submits that considering the seriousness of the allegations and the manner in which the contraband is alleged to

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have been recovered pursuant to disclosure statements, present petition deserves to be dismissed.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book as well as the documents appended thereto.

6. Considering the circumstances in totality, that nothing has been recovered from the possession of the petitioner and that she is in custody since 21.03.2025, this Court is of the view that further incarceration of the petitioner would serve no useful purpose, especially when the trial is likely to take considerable time to conclude. Petitioner is stated to have no previous criminal antecedents, and her involvement in the present case is primarily based on the disclosure statements of the co-accused. Without commenting on the merits of the case, and keeping in view the period of custody already undergone, this Court deems it appropriate to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, present petition is allowed, and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to her 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.

7. Any of the discussion done and recorded hereabove, shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case. Therefore, trial Court is expected to decide the case by taking an independent view, on the basis of evidence available on record, as expeditiously as possible in accordance with law.



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8. Petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

27.02.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*
Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*