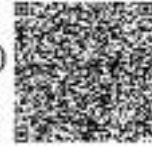


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-52057-2025

Date of decision: 10th February, 2026

Ravinder Singh @ Bhinda

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Monty Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Roshandeep Singh, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

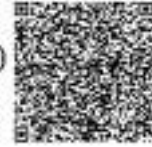
MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 101 dated 13.07.2025 registered under Sections 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act') at Police Station Sadar, Ahmedgarh, District Malerkotla, Punjab.

2. As per the allegations, on 13.07.2025, the petitioner was apprehended by a police party on the basis of suspicion and recovery of 95 intoxicating tablets containing salt Etizolam was effected from his conscious possession which was taken into custody. Investigation now stands completed.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He is in custody since long. Trial will take considerable time to conclude. He has clean antecedents. His further incarceration would not serve any useful purpose. It is, therefore, argued that

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4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has argued that the recovered contraband falls within the ambit of commercial quantity and rigors of Section 37 of NDPS Act are attracted in this case. There are serious allegations against the petitioner. There are chances of his absconding or committing similar offences, if extended benefit of bail. It is, therefore, argued that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

5. This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length.

6. It transpires from the record that the recovered contraband was found to be containing the salt Etizolam and the total weight of the tablets as per FSL report has been assessed to be 13.77 grams, which is commercial quantity. The rigors of Section 37 of NDPS Act are obviously attracted in this case. The trial has commenced and at this stage, it cannot be stated that there would be any undue delay in conclusion of the same. Taking into consideration the above discussed facts but without meaning to make any comment upon the merits of the case, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner does not deserve to be extended benefit of bail. Accordingly, the petition is dismissed.

7. Since the main petition has already been decided, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

10th February, 2026

Parveen Sharma

1. *Whether speaking/ reasoned*

: *Yes / No*

2. *Whether reportable*

: *Yes / No*