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

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CRM-M-53119-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 09.02.2026

Amandeep Singh @ Amna

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present:- Mr. Amrit Paul Nahar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. CRM-41841-2026

Allowed as prayed for.

Documents are taken on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4.

2. Main Case

Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner
in FIR No. 90 dated 24.07.2025, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic
Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (*for short 'NDPS Act'*) at
Police Station Chabbewal, District Hoshiarpur.

3. Brief facts of the case relevant for the disposal of the present
petition are that on 24.07.2025, the petitioner was apprehended by a police
party and recovery of 110 loose intoxicant tablets was effected from him.
Since he could not produce any valid license or permit to keep in his

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possession the recovered drugs, he was formally arrested at the spot. After completion of necessary investigation and usual formalities, challan was presented in the Court and presently, the petitioner is facing trial for commission of aforesaid mentioned offence.

4. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. A false recovery was planted upon him. Even otherwise, the quantity of the recovered contraband does not fall under commercial quantity. The petitioner is in judicial custody since 24.07.2025. Trial will take time as even charges have not yet been framed. No useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody anymore. His involvement in other cases cannot be made a ground for denying him the benefit of bail in this case in the given circumstances. Therefore, it is urged that the petition deserves to be allowed and the petitioner deserves to be released on regular bail.

5. Status report has been filed by the respondent-State. It is submitted by learned State counsel that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner as well as his criminal antecedents, he is not entitled to get benefit of bail. Hence, it is urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

6. This Court has heard the rival submissions.

7. The petitioner is in custody since 24.07.2025. The FSL report has not yet been received so as to ascertain whether the quantity of the recovered contraband falls under commercial quantity or not. Hence, in view of the judgment of this Court in ***Inderjeet Singh @ Laddi and others vs State of Punjab, 2014 (3) RCR (Criminal) 953***, wherein it has been held

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that awaiting the report of Chemical Examiner/FSL, the accused-petitioner can be granted interim bail till the receiving of such report, the present petition is disposed of. The petitioner is directed to be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, till receiving of the FSL report. The petitioner shall submit an undertaking before the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate along with his bail/surety bonds that he will surrender before the trial Court on receiving the FSL report.

8. It is made clear that any observation made herein above is only for the purpose of deciding the present petition and the same shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

09.02.2026
Waseem Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No