



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

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CRM-M-53549-2025

Date of decision: 21.01.2026

Ladi Bhatti @ Ladi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present : Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J.(ORAL)

1. By virtue of the petition under Section 483 BNSS, petitioner, an accused in case bearing FIR No.177 dated 19.07.2025 registered against him, for commission of offences punishable u/s 22/42 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Act 1985 at Police Station City Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur, has prayed for grant of bail.

2. Status report dated 20.01.2026 by way of additional affidavit of Mr. Mohan Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, has been filed. The same is accompanied by FSL report (Annexure R-1). In para 7 of the status report, it has been stated that salt 'Scopolamine' found in the tablets recovered at the instance of petitioner, does not fall under the NDPS Act. Hence, the offence under Section 22 of NDPS Act was deleted vide GD No.25 dated 09.01.2026.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The falsity of the case set up by the prosecution is apparent from the FSL report. Further, the petitioner has been in custody since 19.07.2025. Now in view of the status report, as per which Section 22 of NDPS Act has been deleted, lenient view be taken in favour of the petitioner, whose past antecedents are quite clean, by granting



him the concession of bail.

4. Heard. Documents on record perused.

5. In view of the submissions advanced by learned counsel for the petitioner, report of the FSL that has been placed on record today, this Court is, thus, of the opinion that further incarceration of petitioner in custody would not serve any purpose. Resultantly, petitioner is granted the concession of bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned. The petitioner shall abide by the following conditions:-

(i) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court and shall deposit the passport in the trial Court.

(ii) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.

(iii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.

(iv) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.

(v) 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.

(vi) 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.

(vii) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.

(viii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number to the Trial Court forthwith and shall not change the same till the conclusion of the trial and in case for any reason, the petitioner seeks to change any of the aforesaid, the same



shall be done only with prior intimation to the learned Trial Court, stating the reason for the same.

(ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and it is made 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.

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

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

21.01.2026

Hemant

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No