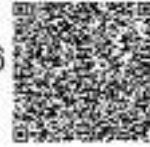


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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-56816-2025

Date of decision: 9th February, 2026

Manjeet

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Yashveer Kharb, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Neeraj Poswal, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

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. 48 dated 26.01.2025 registered under Sections 22-C, 25 and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act') and Section 238(A) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS') at Police Station Gharaunda, District Karnal.

2. As per the allegations, on 26.01.2025, on receipt of an information that one verna car bearing registration No. PB-70H-7686 was found lying abandoned in the area of Gharaunda, District Karnal, a police party reached there and on checking the same, 29400 tablets of Dicyclomine Hydrochloride Atropine sulphate and 205 strips containing 4920 capsules of Tramadol, two cell phones, copies of Aadhar cards etc. were found lying

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therein. The vehicle as well as the articles recovered from the same had been taken into possession. During investigation, it was found that the recovered vehicle was owned by Sukhwinder Singh. Accused Rattan Singh @ Rinku was arrested on 28.01.2025. He was interrogated and suffered disclosure statement admitting his involvement in the crime and also disclosed the name of the petitioner. The petitioner was arrested on 14.07.2025. Subsequently, accused Sukhwinder Singh was also arrested. On conclusion of investigation qua the petitioner and the other arrested accused, challan was presented, and petitioner is facing trial for commission of aforementioned offences.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he was not named in the FIR and has been nominated on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-accused which cannot be considered to be admissible in evidence. The vehicle from which the recovery of intoxicating capsules had allegedly been effected does not belong to him but was owned by co-accused Sukhwinder Singh. No recovery has been effected from his conscious possession. He has been tried to be connected on the basis of telephonic conversation between the petitioner and the co-accused which are much prior to the date of occurrence and those conversations are with regard to the sale/purchase of old vehicles as the petitioner is involved in the business of the same. He is in custody since long. Investigation now stands completed. Trial will take considerable time to conclude. No useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody anymore. His involvement in other cases cannot be considered to be a reason for denying benefit of bail to him. It is, therefore, argued that he deserves to be released on bail.

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4. Status report and custody certificate have been filed by respondent-State. Learned State counsel has argued that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature. His antecedents are not clean as he is involved in one more case of similar nature. There are chances of his committing similar offences or absconding if extended benefit of bail. It is, therefore, argued that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.
5. This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length.
6. The petitioner is alleged to have supplied commercial quantity of intoxicating tablets to the co-accused on the fateful day. The call detail record collected during the course of investigation prima facie shows the complicity between the petitioner and the co-accused. The antecedents of the petitioner are also not clean. The trial has commenced and there is nothing on record to show that there would be any undue delay 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 petition does not deserve to be allowed. Accordingly, the same is dismissed.
7. Since the main petition has already been decided, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

9th February, 2026

Parveen Sharma	1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes / No
	2. Whether reportable	:	Yes / No