



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

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CRM-M-61120-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 19.01.2026

Ved Ram alias Bed Ram

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Ms. Honey Passi, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

CRM-225-2026

For the reasons mentioned in the application, same is allowed.

Annexures P-4 and P-5 are taken on record, subject to all just exceptions.

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1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 BNSS is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.95 dated 25.02.2020, registered under Sections 22, 25, 27, 29 of NDPS Act & 465, 467, 468, 471, 472, 120-B IPC at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala, Punjab.

2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been in custody for 4 years and about 10 months. He alleges false implication. His name surfaced based on the disclosure statement of co-accused Gurlal Singh and Balwinder Kumar, from whom the intoxicated tablets were recovered. Co-accused Akashdeep Sharma @ Kala, Krishan Kumar Arora and Sakeel have been granted bail. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner. Though the trial is at advanced stage, however, an application under Section 311 Cr.P.C.



has been filed by co-accused Rajinder Kumar @ Raju, reply of which is awaited. The petitioner is involved in 2 more cases under NDPS Act, wherein he has been granted bail vide orders dated 24.08.2022 & 05.06.2023, Annexures P-4 and P-5. Reliance is placed on the judgment passed by Hon'ble The Supreme Court titled as **Maulana Mohd. Amir Rashadi vs. State of U.P. and others**, 2012(2) SCC 382.

3. The custody certificate dated 17.01.2026, filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record. As per the same, the petitioner is behind bars for 4 years, 9 months and 26 days.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that the commercial quantity of contraband was recovered from co-accused, who had specifically named the petitioner of supplying the same. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to stage, co-accused having been granted bail and the petitioner being on bail in other cases.

5. Heard.

6. Hon'ble The Supreme Court in the case of **Maulana Mohd. Amir Rashadi** (Supra) had held that, "As observed by the High Court, merely on the basis of criminal antecedents, the claim of the second respondent cannot be rejected. In other words, it is the duty of the Court to find out the role of the accused in the case in which he has been charged and other circumstances such as possibility of fleeing away from the jurisdiction of the Court, etc."

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the last 4 years, 9 months and 26 days; on bail in other cases; co-accused are on bail; defence evidence is yet to commence, the trial is likely to take a considerable time, further incarceration of



the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

8. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) 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.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

9. It is made abundantly 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.



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

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

19.01.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No