



213 **IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-67267-2025

Date of decision: 16.01.2026

RANDHIR SINGH ALIAS SONU

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF HARYANA

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Harjinder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

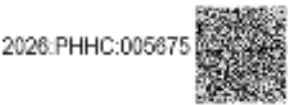
Mr. Ramender Singh Chauhan, AAG, Haryana.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. By way of the present petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No.516 dated 31.08.2025 registered under Sections 20(II)B of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act') at Police Station Old Industrial, District Panipat.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that recovery of 12.716 kgs of *Ganja* has been effected from the house of the present petitioner from a plastic bag, which comes under the category of non-commercial quantity; investigation of the present case is complete; there is no apprehension that if the petitioner is released on bail, he will tamper with the prosecution evidence as all the witnesses are police officials; he is in custody since 01.09.2025. As such, learned counsel prayed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel produced the custody certificate of the petitioner, which is taken on record and submitted that the petitioner is a habitual offender as he is also involved in two more cases, and does not deserve the concession of bail. Hence, learned State counsel prayed for dismissal of the present petition.



4. Heard.
5. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case and the fact that recovery of 12.716 kgs of *Ganja* has been effected from the house of the present petitioner from a plastic bag, which comes under the category of non-commercial quantity; investigation of the present case is complete; there is no apprehension that if the petitioner is released on bail, he will influence the witnesses as all the witnesses are police officials; the petitioner is in custody since 01.09.2025; trial will take sufficient time to conclude and no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any further period, as concession of bail cannot be denied just as a measure of punishment as culpability of accused is to be decided after appreciating evidence adduced by both parties and it is a trite principle of criminal jurisprudence that bail is rule, jail is an exception, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.
6. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned, subject to the condition that if after his release on bail, the petitioner is found involved in any criminal activity under the NDPS Act, the State would be at liberty to file application before the trial Court for cancellation of bail granted to him.

January 16, 2026
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

(i)	Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
(ii)	Whether reportable	Yes/No