

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2026:PHHC:012376



CRM-M-68651-2025 (O&M).
Date of decision: 28.01.2026.

NITISH SAHOTA @ LUCKY @ LADDI

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Maneesh Bali, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

This is the first petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in
case bearing FIR No.54 dated 08.03.2025, under Section(s) 22 (C) and 29 of
the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and Section
212(A) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, registered at Police Station
Phillaur, District Jalandhar Rural.

The prosecution version is that on 08.03.2025, a police party led
by ASI Paramjit Singh apprehended petitioner Nitish Sahota @ Lucky @
Laddi and from the poly bag thrown by him, 100 intoxicating tablets make
Etilaam-05 were recovered. Petitioner was arrested. On completion of

investigation, challan was presented in the Court.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 08.03.2025. He contends that recovery effected from the petitioner is suspect in the circumstances as levelled in the FIR. He further contends that the petitioner has clean antecedents and is not involved in any other case. It is contended that out of total 11 witnesses cited by the prosecution only 01 witness has been examined so far and as such, the conclusion of trial shall take long time.

State counsel, on the other hand, contends that 100 intoxicating tablets weighing 9.2 grams have been recovered from the petitioner. It is further submitted that charge in the present case was framed on 13.11.2025 and thereafter, one witness stands examined. There is thus no inordinate delay in conclusion of the trial. He, however, does not dispute that the petitioner has clean antecedents and is not involved in any other case.

Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration that arguable issues shall arise for consideration before the trial Court with respect to the possession of the contraband by the petitioner coupled with clean antecedents, the period of custody undergone by petitioner as well as the stage of the trial, I deem it appropriate to allow the present petition. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or

indirectly.

The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

January 28, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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