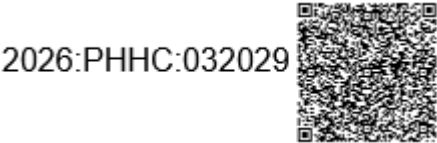


IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH



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CRM-M-69278-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision:26.02.2026

Simranjeet Singh @ Simmu

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Ms. Kuljeet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Roshandeep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

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Manisha Batra, J. (Oral).

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (For short “BNSS”) seeking regular bail in the FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
0103	26.04.2025	Gharinda, District Amritsar Rural	21(c) and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short ‘NDPS Act’) and 25 of Arms Act, 1959

2. As per the allegations, the petitioner along with the co-accused accused Arshdeep Singh @ Arsh has been booked and is facing trial for commission of the aforementioned offences on the allegations that he was found in conscious possession of two illicit pistols whereas the commercial

quantity of contraband along with illicit weapon was recovered from the conscious possession of the co-accused.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. A false recovery has been planted upon him. He is a young student having no criminal antecedents. He is in custody since 26.04.2025. He is not required for further investigation. The trial will take considerable time to conclude. No useful purpose would be served by detaining him in custody any more. The rigors of Section 37 of NDPS Act are not attracted qua him. His prolonged incarceration militates against his fundamental right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. It is, therefore, argued that he deserves to be released on bail.

4. Status report and custody certificate have been filed. Learned State counsel has argued that taking into consideration the gravity of the allegations as levelled against the petitioner, he does not deserve to be extended benefit of bail.

5. This Court has considered the rival submissions.

6. Recovery of two illicit pistols is alleged to have been effected from the petitioner whereas one illicit weapon and contraband was recovered from the co-accused. The petitioner is in custody since 26.04.2025. The trial will obviously take considerable time to conclude as no prosecution witness has been examined so far. His continued detention would not serve any useful purpose. He has clean antecedents.

7. Taking into consideration the aforementioned facts and circumstances, this Court is of the considered opinion that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody anymore. Accordingly,

the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. However, it will be open for the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail in case the petitioner is found involved in any other subsequent case.

9. It is made clear that any observation made herein above is only for the purpose of deciding the present petition and the same shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

10. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stands disposed of.

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

26.02.2026

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