

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2026.PHHC.032226



CRM-M-71748-2025 (O&M).
Date of decision: 27.02.2026.

MANPREET SINGH

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh Brar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

This is the first petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner
in case bearing FIR No.140 dated 21.09.2025, under Section(s) 21(b), 61, 85
of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, (Section 29 of
the NDPS Act added later on), registered at Police Station Jaitu, District
Faridkot, Punjab.

2 Briefly stated, the facts of the present case are that on 21.09.2025, police party headed by S.I. Charanjit Singh, apprehended one Jagwant Singh @ Indu and Vikram Singh along with 70 grams of heroin recovered from their possession. On interrogation, they disclosed the name of petitioner Manpreet Singh @ Fauji whereupon he was nominated as an accused vide DDR No.24 dated 21.09.2025 for the commission of offence under Section 29 of the NDPS Act.

3 Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner(s) contends that the petitioner has been nominated as an accused solely on the basis of disclosure statement made by the co-accused and that the same being hit by Section 27 of the Evidence Act, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner would not be required.

4 State counsel, on the other hand, contends that the petitioner has criminal antecedents as there are as many as 09 other registered cases against him out of which 08 cases are under the NDPS Act. The details of the same are tabulated as under:-

Sr. No.	FIR No.	Under Section	Police Station	Status
1	148/11.09.2020	21/61/85 NDPS Act	P.S. Jaitu	Acquitted date 03.04.2023.
2	89/14.06.2022	21-B/29/61/85 NDPS Act	P.S. Jaitu	Undertrial
3	144/24.11.2022	21-B/29/61/85 NDPS Act	P.S. Jaitu	Undertrial
4	113/17.12.2022	21-B/61/85 NDPS Act	P.S. Tharmal, Bathinda.	Undertrial
5	137/08.09.2023	21-B/29/61/85 NDPS Act	P.S. Jaitu	Undertrial
6	05/08.01.2024	21-B/61/85 NDPS Act	P.S. Civil Lines, Bathinda.	Undertrial
7	33/30.03.2025	21-B/29/61/85 NDPS Act	P.S. Jaitu	Undertrial

8	54/14.04.2025	21- B/27/29/61/85 NDPS Act	P.S. Nahaiyanwala	Undertrial
9	71/22.05.2022	304 IPC	P.S. Nahaiyanwala	Undertrial

5 Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the criminal antecedents of the petitioner and his involvement in multiple cases under the NDPS Act, I am of the opinion that the petitioner is not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail. The present petition is accordingly dismissed.

February 27, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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