



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-73134-2025

RACHPAL KAUR ALIAS PALO

...PETITIONER

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

Date of decision: 22.01.2026

Date of uploading:22.01.2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Vedit Bansal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, J.

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.193 dated 08.11.2025 registered for offences punishable under Section 22, 27-A, 29/61/85 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Nakodar Sadar, District Jalandhar Rural.

2. On 24.12.2025, the following order was passed:-

“Apprehending her arrest in FIR No.193 dated 08.11.2025 registered for offences punishable under Section 22, 27-A, 29/61/85 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Nakodar Sadar, District Jalandhar Rural; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner is sought to be implicated into the FIR in question solely on the basis of a disclosure statement made by co-accused from whom the contraband in question has been allegedly recovered & the



petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein. In order to buttress his arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner has relied upon the dicta of the judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Vijay Singh versus The State of Haryana' bearing Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).1266/2023, 'State by (NCB) Bengaluru vs. Pallulabid Ahmad Arimutta & Anr' 2022(1) RCR (Criminal) 762, 'Tofan Singh vs. State of Tamil Nadu, AIR 2020 Supreme Court 5592, 'Smt. Najmunisha, Abdul Hamid Chandmiya @ Ladoo Bapu vs. State of Gujrat, Narcotics Control Bureau' 2024 INSC 29 and 'Jugraj Singh Vs. State of Punjab' bearing Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)No.9190/2025.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 22.01.2026.

State is at liberty to file reply, if so required.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 30.12.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. She shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023."

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions, has stated that pursuant to the order dated 24.12.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand; especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated therein and is no longer required by the State for further custodial interrogation, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 24.12.2025, granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. Ordered accordingly.

6.

This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.
7.

Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
8.

Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
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Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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