

**In the court of Manav, Judge, Special Court,
Ludhiana. UID No. PB0299**

CIS No. BA-5251-2026

CNR No. PBLD01-013270-2026

Date of Decision: 23.07.2026

State

Versus

Chetanpreet Singh @ Chetan son of Jora Singh resident of Ajit Nagar,
Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

.....Applicant/accused.

FIR No. 114 dated 13.05.2026

U/S 22,29 of NDPS Act

Police Station Sadar Jagraon

[Application for Bail U/s 483 of BNSS]

Present: Mr. Ashok Bhandari, Advocate for applicant/accused.
Mr. Gural Singh, Additional Public Prosecutor for State.

ORDER

Applicant-accused has filed this bail application under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, seeking regular or interim bail.

2. Applicant-accused has pleaded that he never indulged in any nefarious activities. That, he has been falsely implicated in the present case. That, at the time of alleged recovery, mandatory provisions as required under NDPS Act were not followed by the concerned police. That, he has been arrested by the police on 13.05.2026 and since then, he is in custody. That, no recovery is to be effected from him and he is no more required for further investigation in this case. Hence, a prayer has been made to admit the applicant-accused on bail.

3. Notice of the bail application was given to the State. Report from the concerned SHO has been called and received. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State appeared and orally contested the bail application on the ground that in the present case, 20 intoxicating tablets make Etizolam were recovered from the possession of applicant-accused, without any license or permit. Two other cases have already been registered against the applicant. That, applicant-accused is not entitled to concession of bail. Hence, prayer has been made for dismissal of the present bail application.

4. The arguments of learned counsel for applicant-accused, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State have been heard and record perused carefully.

5. As per FIR, on 13.05.2026 in the area of PS Sadar Jagraon, Ludhiana, applicant-accused was found in possession of **20 intoxicating tablets make Eitzolam IP 0.25 mg**, without any license or permit. Applicant-accused was arrested in this case on 13.05.2026 at the spot and since then, he is in custody. Thereafter, sample of intoxicating tablets recovered from possession of applicant-accused was sent to the chemical examiner to ascertain the salt present in the same, but no report has been received till date. The Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana has laid down in **Inderjeet Singh alias Laddi and others vs. State of Punjab, 2014 (3) Recent Criminal Reports 953** that "where there is delay in receipt of report of Chemical Examiner, then applicant/accused can be extended concession of interim bail". Accordingly, wherever the

need is felt, interim bail may be granted till the receipt of RTFSL report to avoid unnecessary delay and thereafter, the case may be considered on receipt of RTFSL report. The presentation of challan and conclusion of trial will take time and applicant/accused cannot be kept in custody for indefinite period, particularly when the receipt of report of RTFSL is also about to take time.

6. Investigating Agency has stated that two other criminal cases are also registered against the applicant/accused, but the pendency of other criminal cases cannot be made the sole basis for denying the concession of bail to applicant/accused in this case, particularly when he is already in custody since 13.05.2026. Reliance in this regard is placed on judgment of Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court in **Pankaj Kumar alias Panku Vs. State of Haryana, CRM-M-56944-2024**, decided on 25.04.2025, wherein applicant had 13 other criminal cases against him but Hon'ble High Court held that if petitioner is able to make out a case for grant of bail in peculiar facts and circumstances of a case, pendency of other cases cannot become a ground for rejection of relief of bail.

7. In view of this discussion, it is pondered apt to grant concession of **interim bail** to applicant/accused till the receipt of RTFSL report, subject to furnishing bail bond in the sum of **Rs. 50,000/-** with one surety in the like amount, to the satisfaction of **Illaqa/ Duty Magistrate, concerned**, subject to the further conditions as under:-

- (a) That he will attend the court on each and every date of hearing;
- (b) That he will not tamper with the prosecution evidence

and will not offer any threat, promise or inducement, directly or indirectly to any of the person acquainted with the facts of the case, dissuading them from disclosing the same to the court/Investigating agency;

(c) That he will not leave the limits of this country without prior permission of the court.

(d) That on receipt of chemical examiner's report, if the recovered intoxicating tablets are found to be containing such salt, which as per the quantity of the recovered tablets falls in the category of commercial quantity as per schedule appended to NDPS Act, then this order would cease to operate. The applicant/accused in that case shall be bound to surrender in this court, failing which, he will be taken into custody without further order for cancellation of interim bail.

8. Nothing stated in this order be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case and observations made herein are for the purpose of decision of this bail application only. Copy of this order be sent to the **learned Illaqa/Duty Magistrate, concerned**, for compliance. Bail/surety bonds, so furnished, be sent to this court and same be attached with the remand papers. File of the instant bail application be attached with the remand papers of this case.

Pronounced in open court, this 23rd day of July, 2026.

**Manav
Judge, Special Court,
Ludhiana. UID-PB0299**

*Anil Kr. Rao, STG-I
This order has been directly typed on dictation.*