



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-13783-2026 (O&M)
DECIDED ON: 10.04.2026**

MANGAL SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANDEEP PANNU

Present: Mr. H.S. Rakhra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANDEEP PANNU, J (ORAL)

1. This is the first petition under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023 (corresponding to Section 439 Cr.P.C.) for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.79 dated 16.06.2019, registered under Sections 21, 29, 61 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Kathu Nangal, District Amritsar Rural.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner had earlier been granted bail and thereafter, the petitioner duly joined the trial proceedings and remained present on each and every date of hearing. However, on 18.07.2023, the petitioner could not appear before the learned Trial Court as he was under the impression that his case was disposed of being of non-commercial quantity. He further contends that thereafter non-bailable warrants were issued against the petitioner on 16.10.2023 and, thereafter, vide order dated 20.03.2025, the bail granted to the petitioner was cancelled and proclamation warrants were also issued. It is further submitted



that upon issuance of proclamation warrants, the same were duly served and the case was adjourned for recording the statement of the serving constable. Thereafter on 20.05.2025, the petitioner was declared a proclaimed offender. It has been further submitted that the petitioner thereafter voluntarily surrendered before the Court on 04.07.2025 and has remained in custody since then. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner's non-appearance was neither deliberate nor intentional.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Ritu Raj Singh, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice for the respondent-State and submits that the petitioner's bail was rightly cancelled and he was rightly declared a proclaimed offender on account of his absence from the trial proceedings. However, he does not dispute that the petitioner had himself surrendered before the learned Trial Court on 04.07.2025.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record of the case with their able assistance.

6. Considering the rival submissions and the fact that the petitioner was earlier granted bail in the present case and has now himself surrendered before the learned Trial Court on 04.07.2025 and has been in custody since then, this Court is of the view that the petitioner deserves the concession of regular bail at this stage.

7. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on furnishing adequate bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court/Illaq Magistrate concerned.



8. It is, however, made clear that the petitioner shall abide by all the terms and conditions imposed by the learned Trial Court and shall join the trial proceedings regularly and shall not misuse the concession of bail in any manner.

9. All pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

10.04.2026

Poonam Negi

**(MANDEEP PANNU)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No