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

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Date of decision: 21.04.2026

MANJIT KAUR

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL

Present:- Mr. Mohit Kakkar, Advocate for
Mr. Arunjeet Singh Kakkar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (For short "BNSS"), the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No.87 dated 12.03.2025 registered under Sections 21(a), 61, 85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Section 21(b) of the NDPS Act added later on vide G.D. No.12 dated 04.07.2025 and Section 27-A of the NDPS Act added later on vide G.D. No. 12 dated 28.09.2025) at Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot (Annexure P-1).

2. On 06.04.2026, the following order was passed by this Court: -

"Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.87 dated 12.03.2025 registered under



Sections 21(a), 61, 85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Section 21(b) of the NDPS Act added later on vide G.D. No.12 dated 04.07.2025 and Section 27-A of the NDPS Act added later on vide G.D. No. 12 dated 28.09.2025) at Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot (Annexure P-1).

Brief facts as per the prosecution case are that on 12.03.2025, police party was on a patrolling duty and on the basis of suspicion confronted a youth who managed to flee and entered into a house. The youth later managed to flee. On checking of the house, the police party apprehended the petitioner who was found in conscious possession of 09 grams 06 mg of Heroin and 60,000/- drug money. Hence, the present FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further contends that the petitioner has no concern with the said incident. No recovery is to be effected from the petitioner. He submits that the petitioner was granted regular bail by the trial Court vide order dated 09.04.2025. He has further submitted that later on Section 21(b) and 27-A of NDPS Act were added in the present FIR. Hence, the petitioner again filed for anticipatory bail, which was dismissed by the learned trial Court vide order dated 27.02.2026. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the investigating agency.

On the other hand, learned State counsel has filed the status report in the matter and while referring to the status report, has opposed the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail, by submitting that the allegations levelled against the petitioners are serious in nature.

Adjourned to 21.04.2026

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join investigation within a week from today and would appear as and when required by the Investigating Officer and cooperate with



the Investigating Agency. In the event of arrest, she shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing of bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance with the order dated 06.04.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

4. Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from SI Chamkur Singh, has submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation in terms of interim order/protection earlier afforded to the petitioner and is no longer required for further custodial interrogation. He has however submitted that since the FIR in question is under the NDPS Act of 1985, the petitioner ought not to be extended the concession of anticipatory bail.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the rival parties and perused the available record.

6. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 06.04.2026 passed by this Court is made absolute. The petitioner shall continue to join investigation as and when required by the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

7. Needless to say anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

21.04.2026
Gurpreet

(RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL)
JUDGE

i) Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes/No
ii) Whether reportable? Yes/No