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

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Date of decision : 15.05.2026

MATRESH SINGH

... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. RESPONDENT

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

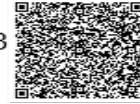
Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

H.S. Grewal, J.(Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (erstwhile Section 439 Cr.P.C.) seeking regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 180 dated 10.09.2025, under Section 21-C/29 NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Chheharta, District Amritsar.

2. The case of the prosecution is that co-accused Simranjit Singh was allegedly driving the motorcycle, co-accused Veerpal Singh @ Anshdeep Singh was riding as the pillion passenger, and the present petitioner was the third occupant on the said motorcycle. It is alleged that a polythene bag being carried in the hand of co-accused Simranjit Singh was searched, from which recovery of 500 grams of heroin was effected.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case while nothing has been

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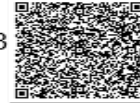
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recovered from his conscious possession. He was only sitting as a pillion and there is no incriminating material against him which would connect him with the alleged offence. It is further submitted that there is non-compliance of mandatory provisions of the NDPS Act and at this stage, it cannot be determined whether the alleged recovery was connected with the petitioner in any manner. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 08 months and 02 days and is not involved in any other case. He, therefore, prays for release of the petitioner on regular bail as the trial is likely to take a long time as only challan has been presented and charges are yet to be framed.

4. Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate of the petitioner in Court, which is taken on record. He vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner. He, upon instructions, submits that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 08 months and 02 days. He, upon instructions, submits that only challan has been presented and charges are yet to be framed.

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

6. In view of the above submissions of learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the facts that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 08 months and 02 days, he is not involved in any other criminal case and that the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude as only challan has been presented and charges are yet to be framed, therefore, this Court deems it appropriate to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner during the

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pendency of the trial as the continuous detention of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice.

7. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds, surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

8. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of his bail.

May 15, 2026
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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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