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

CRM-M-43041-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 09.09.2026

MANGI LAL @ MANDI

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. D.S. Virk, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, DAG, Haryana.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J.

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.0239 dated 01.07.2026, under Section 17(b) Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, Police Station Ellenabad, District Sirsa. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. While issuing notice of motion on 06.08.2026, following order was passed:-

“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.0239 dated 01.07.2026, under Section 17(b) of NDPS Act, Police Station Ellenabad, District Sirsa. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner had been falsely implicated in the FIR on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused, which was not admissible in evidence. He further submits that the quantity of contraband allegedly



recovered from co-accused was non- commercial quantity. Petitioner was not involved in any other offence and had clean antecedents. He was ready and willing to join investigation.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Vikas Bhardwaj, AAG Haryana, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and on instructions from ASI Kuldeep Kumar fairly concedes that antecedents of the petitioner were clean; that he was not involved in any other case and other than disclosure statement of co-accused there was nothing against him. He, however, opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail on the ground that custodial interrogation of the petitioner was required to elicit the source of contraband, for recovery of mobile phone and drug money.

In the given facts and circumstances of the case, in the event of arrest, petitioner shall be released on interim anticipatory bail subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. Petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

Status report in the matter be filed on 09.09.2026.”

3. Status report by way of affidavit of Subhash Chander, HPS, DSP, Ellenabad, District Sirsa has been filed by State of Haryana, which is taken on record. Learned State counsel concedes that petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.



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4. Pursuant to order of this Court dated 06.08.2026, petitioner has joined investigation. Considering all relevant facts and circumstances, but without commenting on merits of the case, the petition is allowed and order dated 06.08.2026, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

5. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

09.09.2026

Sumit Singla

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

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