

229 (3rd case)

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

CRM-M-18801-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision : 15.05.2025

Lovepreet Singh @ Shannu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Kushagra Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. T.P.S. Walia, AAG, Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'the BNSS'), for grant of bail pending trial to the petitioner in FIR No.4 dated 04.01.2025, under Sections 21(b) and 27A of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act') and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on), registered at Police Station Jandiala, District Amritsar.

2. Allegations are that petitioner along with co-accused were found in possession of 20gm of heroin (non-commercial quantity) along with one pistol with mark 'MADE IN JAPAN' as well as currency notes of Rs.2500/-.

3. Contends that recovery alleged against the petitioner is one pistol with mark 'MADE IN JAPAN'. Also contends that



petitioner is in custody since 04.01.2025. Further contends that co-accused Sahilpreet Singh @ Shallu with similar allegations has already been granted interim protection by this Court vide order dated 27.03.2025. Lastly contends that there is no apprehension that petitioner is likely to pressurize the prosecution witnesses and/or hamper the trial, in any manner.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, duly acknowledged the above factual position, but he opposed the prayer on the ground that allegations are very serious in nature.

5. Heard learned State counsel and perused the paper-book.

6. It transpires that petitioner is in custody since 04.01.2025; co-accused Sahilpreet Singh @ Shallu with similar allegations has already been granted interim bail pending trial by this Court vide order dated 27.03.2025. Moreover, it is not the objection of State that in case, petitioner is released on bail, he shall influence the witnesses and/or hamper the course of trial, in any manner; thus, his further incarceration would not serve any purpose.

7. Consequently, present petition is allowed; petitioner shall be admitted to bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Special Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. Petitioner shall appear on each & every date of hearing and to fully co-operate with the learned Special Court without seeking any unnecessary adjournment(s).



9. The above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

10. It is clarified that in case there is recurrence or any misuse of concession of bail on the part of the petitioner, State of Punjab would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for recalling of this order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

15.05.2025
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No