

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2025:PHHC:168940



CRM-M-22218-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 04.12.2025.

SURAJ

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Ms. Satpreet Grewal Kapila, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.021 dated 21.01.2025, under Section(s) 22 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station STF Mohali, District STF Wing, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali.

2 As per the case of the prosecution, on 21.01.2025, ASI Som Raj, accompanied by other police officials, was present in Sector-81, Mohali, when at approximately 9:00 a.m., he is stated to have received secret information

indicating that Krishan Kumar, Karanvir Singh and Suraj were engaged in the illegal trade of selling intoxicant injections. It was further disclosed that these individuals were allegedly procuring such injections at cheaper rates from one Sandeep Kumar, resident of Ambala and thereafter selling them at higher prices in the areas of Mohali and Kharar. The secret informer also indicated that the aforesaid persons were presently waiting for prospective customers in a newly carved-out colony in village Saneta and that if a raid were conducted, they could be apprehended with a substantial quantity of intoxicant injections. Acting upon the said information, the police party proceeded to the spot. During investigation, the applicant, along with the other co-accused, was apprehended. Upon a search of the car bearing registration No. PB-13-BC-2989, recovery of 13 intoxicant injections of Buprenorphine (2 ml each) and 13 injections of Avil (10 ml each) was effected from the dashboard of the vehicle.

3 Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that, as per the allegations in the FIR, 13 injections of Buprenorphine (2 ml each) and 13 injections of Avil (10 ml each) were recovered from the car in question. She submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 21.01.2025 and does not have any criminal antecedents. It is further submitted that, till date, only one prosecution witness has been examined and the trial is likely to take considerable time to conclude.

4 State counsel does not dispute the aforesaid facts. He, however, submits that two witnesses have been given up and thus only 10 witnesses remain to be examined. The period of custody and clean antecedents of the petitioner however have not been disputed.

5 Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the period of custody undergone by the petitioner, the stage of the trial and the clean antecedents of the petitioner, I deem it appropriate to allow the present petition. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

6 It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly.

7 The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

December 04, 2025.	(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>: Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>: Yes/No</i>