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

CRM-M-28243-2025 (O&amp;M)

Reserved on : 18.07.2025

Pronounced on : 23.07.2025

**Bikram Singh @ Vikram Singh @ Rummy****...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present:- Mr. Ruhani Chadha, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

**MANISHA BATRA, J.**

1. The instant petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 184 dated 20.09.2022, registered under Section 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (*for short 'NDPS Act'*) at Police Station Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur.

2. Brief facts of the case relevant for the purpose of disposal of this petition are that on 20.09.2022, the petitioner and co-accused Maninder Kaur, Ravinder Kaur, Parminder Kaur @ Renu and Sandeep Kumar, while coming in a car bearing registration number CH-01-AY-0023, were apprehended by a police party headed by SI Jaswant Singh and recovery of 255 grams of heroin was effected from the dashboard of the said car. All the accused persons were formally arrested at the spot. After completion of necessary investigation and usual formalities, *challan* under Section 173 of Cr.P.C. was presented on

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14.03.2023 in the Court and presently, the petitioner along with the co-accused is facing trial for commission of aforementioned offence.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. In fact, the petitioner and other co-accused are relatives/family members and they were travelling together in the aforesaid car. All of them have been falsely implicated in this case by planting the aforesaid contraband in the car. The petitioner has been falsely implicated in one more case. Even otherwise, the quantity of the alleged contraband is marginally higher than the commercial quantity. It is further argued that a perusal of the copies of the zimni orders passed by the learned trial Court, which have been placed on record, would show that the trial is substantially delayed as only two witnesses have been examined so far. Now, an application under Section 311 of Cr.P.C. has been filed, which is pending. Even investigation qua co-accused Jasvir Kaur @ Fojan is being conducted and on completion of the same, supplementary *challan* shall be submitted. All this goes to show that conclusion of trial would take considerable long time. The petitioner is in custody since 20.09.2022. In view of substantial delay in trial, the petitioner is entitled to get benefit of bail. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody anymore. Similarly situated co-accused Sandeep Kumar, Ravinder Kaur, Parminder Kaur, Maninder Kaur have already been granted concession of regular bail by this Court, vide orders dated 12.05.2025, 22.05.2025 and 20.05.2025 passed in **CRM-M-15238-2025**, **CRM-M-26985-2025**, **CRM-M-27021-2025** and **CRM-M-23742-2025**, respectively. On the grounds of parity, the petitioner too deserves the same benefit. It is, therefore, urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

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4. *Per contra*, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab has argued that the petitioner is not entitled to get benefit of bail as he along with the co-accused was nabbed at the spot and recovery of 255 grams of heroin was effected from the car, in which they were travelling. Hence, it is urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length and have also gone through the record carefully.

6. As per the allegations, the petitioner and above named four co-accused were apprehended by the police party on 22.09.2022 and recovery of 255 grams of heroin was effected from their car. The quantity of the alleged contraband is marginally higher than commercial quantity, the same being 250 grams. The plea of the petitioner is that he was travelling in the said car along with his relatives/family members and by planting a false recovery, the entire family has been roped in. Be that as it may, a perusal of the zimni orders passed by the learned trial Court, copies of which have been placed on record, shows that only two prosecution witnesses have been examined so far, despite the fact that *challan* was presented way back on 14.03.2023. The trial is obviously delayed and there is no likelihood of the same to conclude in near future as an application filed under Section 311 of Cr.P.C. is pending. More so, investigation qua co-accused Jasvir Kaur @ Fojan is being conducted and supplementary *challan* is to be presented after completion of investigation. The petitioner is in long incarceration. All the other co-accused have already been granted concession of regular bail by this Court, as mentioned above. The case of the present petitioner is on similar footing with that of the said co-accused. Therefore, keeping in view the aforementioned facts and

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circumstances, this Court is of the considered opinion that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody anymore. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned. However, it will be open for the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail in case the petitioner is found involved in any other subsequent case.

7. It is made clear that any observation made herein above is only for the purpose of deciding the present petition and the same shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

23.07.2025

*Waseem Ansari*

(MANISHA BATRA)  
JUDGE

*Whether speaking/reasoned*

*Yes/No*

*Whether reportable*

*Yes/No*