



237/2 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Date of decision: 29.04.2025

(i) CRM-M-32733-2024

Gurpreet Singh ...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab ...Respondent

(ii) CRM-M-35049-2024

Manjit Kaur ...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab ...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Vipul Jindal, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-32733-2024.

Mr. Dhawaljeet Dutta, Advocate with
Mr. Abhishek K. Kathpal, Advocate and
Mr. Parveen Chauhan, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-35049-2024.

Mr. Deepinder Singh Brar, Senior DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J.(oral)

1. This order shall dispose off above-said two petitions i.e. CRM-M-32733-2024, titled as Gurpreet Singh Vs. State of Punjab and CRM-M-35049-2024 titled as Manjit Kaur Vs. State of Punjab, whereby the petitioners have prayed for grant of regular bail to them in case FIR No.285 dated 15.09.2023 registered under Sections 21(C), 25 and 29 of NDPS Act, at Police Station STF, Mohali.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contend that as per the case of the prosecution, Gurjant Singh @ Paras and Paramjit Kaur were arrested by the police, while they were carrying 01 kg of heroin in their conscious possession



without any authorization. During the course of investigation, Paramjit Kaur and Gurjant Singh @ Paras are alleged to have suffered a disclosure statements and named the petitioners as co-accused in the present case. Gurpreet Singh and Manjit Kaur were arrested by the police on 15.09.2023 and are in custody since then. Learned counsel further placed reliance on the orders (Annexures P-4 and P-5) passed by this Court, whereby, Jaskaran @ Jaskaran Kaur and Sukhdev Singh alias Sukhdeo Singh, both similarly placed co-accused were granted the concession of bail by this Court.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners on the ground that during the course of investigation, certain call details have been found between the petitioners and their co-accused and even they were present in the area where Gurjant Singh @ Paras and Paramjit Kaur were found carrying the contraband. He further contends that Gurpreet Singh is involved in two more criminal cases, however, in one case, he has been acquitted by the competent Court.

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

5. Admittedly, both the petitioners are in custody for the last more than 01 year and 07 months and the case is still listed for prosecution evidence. Thus, there are no chances of early conclusion of the trial. Moreover, similarly placed co-accused, namely, Jaskaran @ Jaskaran Kaur and Sukhdev Singh alias Sukhdeo Singh have already been granted the concession of bail by this Court, vide orders (Annexures P-4 and P-5).

6. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the



present petitions are allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail subject to their furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioners shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case, so as to dissuade them to disclose such facts to the Court or to any other authority.*
- (ii) The petitioners shall remain present before the Court on the dates fixed for hearing of the case.*
- (iii) The petitioners shall not absent themselves from the Court proceedings except on the prior permission of the Court concerned.*
- (iv) The petitioners shall surrender their passport(s), if any, (if already not surrendered), and in case they are not holder of the same, they shall swear an affidavit to that effect.*
- (v) The petitioners shall also file their affidavits before the concerned Court, mentioning their ordinary place of residence and number of mobile phone, which shall be used by them during the pendency of the trial. In case of change of place of residence/mobile number, they shall share the details with the concerned Court/learned Trial Court.*
- (vi) In case, the petitioners involve in any other criminal activity, during the pendency of the trial, it shall be viewed seriously.*
- (vii) The concerned Court may insist on two heavy local sureties and may also impose any other condition, in accordance with law, while accepting the bails bonds and surety bonds of the petitioners.*

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

29.04.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No