



219 **IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-31304-2025
Date of decision: 29.09.2025

GAGANDEEP SINGH @ GAGNI

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present : Mr. Kulwinder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gorav Kathuria, DAG Punjab,

YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR. J.(Oral)

1. This is first petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.52 dated 19.04.2025, registered under Section 21 of NDPS Act (Section 27 of NDPS Act added later on) and Section 25 of Arms Act at Police Station Sardulgarh, District Mansa.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel have been heard and material collected by the police during investigation has been perused.
3. Brief facts of the prosecution case are that on 19.04.2025, Inspector Baldev Singh was on patrolling duty along with other police officials and when the police party reached the road leading to Dera Baba Haktala, they saw a person doing something with his hands. On seeing the police party, he tried to flee but he was apprehended and 6 grams of heroin, one country-made pistol .32 bore and



two live cartridges were recovered from him. The accused disclosed his name as Gagandeep Singh @ Gagni (petitioner) and he was arrested. The contraband was taken into possession and after completion of investigation, challan has been presented for trial.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the recovered quantity is marginally above the small quantity of 5 grams and falls within intermediate quantity and rigors of Section 37 of NDPS Act are not attracted. Petitioner is in custody since 19.04.2025. Learned counsel for the petitioner further argued that the investigation and trial will take sufficiently long time to conclude and no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner inside jail. In support of his contention, learned counsel has cited **2022 (4) RCR (Criminal) 299, State of West Bengal v. Rakesh Singh @ Rakesh Kumar Singh** and judgment dated 18.7.2025 passed by Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-34380-2025 titled **Shamsher Singh @ Shera v. State of Punjab** in which it has been held that where the quantity involved is not commercial, rigors of Section 37 of NDPS Act do not apply. Learned counsel, thus, prayed that the petitioner be released on regular bail.

5. On the other hand, learned State counsel has argued that petitioner is a habitual offender and he is involved in 08 more cases. In view of his past conduct, he is not entitled to be released on bail.

6. In the present case, 6 grams of Heroin has been recovered from the petitioner. The contraband recovered falls within intermediate quantity. Since the contraband recovered is intermediate in nature, the provisions of Section 37 of



NDPS Act pertaining to grant of bail are also not attracted. Moreover, the petitioner is in custody since 19.04.2025. Trial is likely to take sufficiently long time to conclude and further detention of the petitioner is, thus, not required and he deserves to be released on bail.

7. In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. Pending misc. application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

29.09.2025
Priyanka Thakur

(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

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