



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 16.09.2025

(1) CRM-M-31483-2025

NIRMAL SINGH ALIAS GHADDAPetitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

(2) CRM-M-17066-2025

NAVJOT SINGH ALIAS JOTIPetitioner

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

Present: - Mr. Bikramjeet Singh Jatana, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-31483-2025.

Mr. P.S. Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-17066-2025.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Senior DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Both these petitions are being decided by a common order as
the same arise out of the same FIR.

2. Prayer made in these petitions is for seeking regular bail in case
bearing FIR No. 0057 dated 05.04.2024 registered under Section 15 (c), 60
of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Section 25,

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27/61/85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 were added later on) at Police Station Bhikhi, District Mansa.

3. As per the story of the prosecution, on receiving secret information, the police stopped the Trailer Truck bearing No.PB-19H-9406. It is alleged that co-accused Sukhwinder Singh @ Gandhi was driving the Trailer Truck and the petitioner Nirmal Singh was sitting on the conductor seat in the cabin along with the driver while co-accused Navjot Singh alongwith one Harmanpreet Singh @ Honey were sitting in the back trailer body of the said Trailer Truck. It is further case of the prosecution that the Deputy Superintendent of Police (SD), Mansa, namely Gurpreet Singh, reached the spot and on search, found raw iron to be loaded in the Trailer Truck. After removal of the raw iron, 300 kilogram of poppy husk was recovered in 20 bags that had been kept beneath the raw iron. Present FIR was thus registered on recovery of 300 Kg of Poppy Husk.

4. Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner(s) submit that Nirmal Singh @ Ghadda was stated to be sitting in the cabin alongwith the Driver, while the applicant-Navjot was stated to be sitting in the body of the truck. Counsel contends that the factum of conscious possession of the contraband by the petitioner is a disputed question which is yet to be answered during trial. The prosecuting agency has failed to point out as to which of the occupants of the truck had actually purchased the contraband more so considering that one Harmanpreet, who was also travelling in the body of the same truck, was found innocent by the police during the investigation. He contends that the petitioners are not involved in any other

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case and have already undergone an actual custody of more than 01 year and 05 months. It is pointed out that no evidence has been recorded so far.

5. Counsel for the respondent-State does not dispute the aforesaid submissions.

6. I have heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties.

7. Taking into consideration the factors noticed above, the period of actual custody; the stage of trial and lack of criminal antecedents of the petitioners, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioners on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

8. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on regular bail on their furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

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

10. 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.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025*Vishal Sharma***(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

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