



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-38190-2025

Date of decision: 12.12.2025

Sohna Singh @ Sonu @ Sohana Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Mr. Armaan Gagneja, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J (ORAL)

1. This order shall dispose of present petition for grant of anticipatory bail filed by the petitioner, an accused in case FIR No.87 dated 17.05.2025 under Sections 21(b),61,85 of NDPS Act (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on vide GD No.33 dated 19.05.2025) registered at P.S City Muktsar, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. Status report filed by way of affidavit of Naveen Kumar, DSP, Sub Division, Sri Muktsar Sahib, District Sri Muktsar Sahib has already been filed on behalf of respondent-State. In para 4 of the report, the factum of petitioner having joined investigation stands mentioned.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Baldev Singh, submits that the petitioner has since joined the investigation and is no longer required for further custodial interrogation.

4. Heard.

5. On 21.07.2025, following order was passed by this Court:

“ The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 482 of B.N.S.S with a prayer to grant anticipatory bail to him in case FIR No.87, dated 17.05.2025, under Sections 21-B, 61,85 of NDPS Act and offence under Sections 29 of NDPS Act added later on vide GD No.33, dated 19.05.2025, Police Station City Muktsar, District Sri Muktsar Sahib (Annexure P-1).



Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was not named in the FIR nor any contraband was recovered from him. In fact, as per the case set up by the prosecution, two accused namely Rohit Singh @ Katta and Vishal Singh @ Bhupa were arrested by the police, while they were carrying 34 grams of heroin, without any permit. The petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case as he happens to be father of Vishal Singh @ Bhupa, co-accused. Even he is a first offender and was never involved in any criminal activity.

Notice of motion for 17.09.2025.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and on instructions from ASI Balwinder Singh submits that the petitioner is the first offender and was never involved in any criminal case.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation. In the event of arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer subject to the conditions provided under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C/482(2) of B.N.S.S.”

6. Keeping in view the above submissions advanced by learned counsel for the petitioner as also the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 21.07.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

7. The petition stands allowed.

12.12.2025
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(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

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