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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

DECIDED ON: 22.08.2025

101 CRM-M-38810-2025 (O&M)

MANJEET SINGH @RODUPETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJABRESPONDENT(S)

101-2 CRM-M-28277-2025 (O&M)

KULWANT SINGHPETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJABRESPONDENT(S)

101-3 CRM-M-29057-2024 (O&M)

JUDGE SINGH @ JAGGAPETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJABRESPONDENT(S)

101-4 CRM-M-38087-2025 (O&M)

SATNAM [SINGH@GUGGU](#) FAUJIPETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

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101-5CRM-M-34619-2025 (O&M)

MANPREET SINGH @ BAGHA.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB.....RESPONDENT(S)

101-6CRM-M-38981-2025 (O&M)

MALKEET SINGH @ KAKA.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB.....RESPONDENT(S)

101-7CRM-M-39035-2025 (O&M)

SAJAN SINGH @ LUCKY.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB.....RESPONDENT(S)

101-8CRM-M-38930-2025 (O&M)

SUNIL.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB.....RESPONDENT(S)

101-9CRM-M-19901-2025 (O&M)

SUKHDEV SINGH @ DEV.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT(S)

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CRM-M-39892-2025 (O&M)

SULAKHAN SINGH

.....PETITIONER(S)

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CRM-M-25485-2025 (O&M)

DEESHO @ DISHO

.....PETITIONER(S)

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.....RESPONDENT(S)

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CRM-M-22870-2025 (O&M)

JASVIR KAUR @ MOTA

.....PETITIONER(S)

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CRM-M-39868-2025 (O&M)

POOJA

.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT(S)

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CRM-M-42518-2025 (O&M)

ASHWANI KUMAR @ ASHI

.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT(S)

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CRM-M-42637-2025 (O&M)

HARPREET KAUR @ DIMPLE

.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT(S)

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CRM-M-44648-2025 (O&M)

RAVI SINGH

.....PETITIONER(S)

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ARSHDEEP SINGH @ ARSH

.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT(S)

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CRM-M-34205-2025 (O&M)

TIRATH SINGH

.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT(S)

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CRM-M-37774-2025 (O&M)

RAHUL @ BHEECHI

.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT(S)

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CRM-M-42278-2025 (O&M)

DANIEL MASIH @ TITU

.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT(S)

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CRM-M-43992-2025 (O&M)

MALKIT SINGH

.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT(S)

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CRM-M-45488-2025 (O&M)

PARDEEP KUMAR @ BABBU

.....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT(S)

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Mr. Amit Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Raman Kumar, Advocate
Mr. V.K. Kaushal, Advocate
Mr. Ishan Gupta, Advocate and
Mr. Sahil Matharoo, Advocate
Mr. Ankit Rana, Advocate
Ms. Khushboo, Advocate and
Mr. Vinod Kumar, Advocate
Mr. K.S. Sidhu, Advocate
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Mr. Varinder Basa, Advocate
Mr. Atinderpal Singh, Advocate
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Mr. J.S. Rattu, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sushil Bhardwaj, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

Application in CRM-M-19901-2025

Application under Section 482 Cr.P.C. has been filed for placing on record Annexures A-1 to A-6.

For the reasons mentioned in the application and keeping in view the submission made by counsel for the applicant, the application is allowed and Annexures A-1 to A-6 are taken on record.

CRM-30746-2025 in CRM-M-38810-2025

This application has been filed to place on record additional documents, specifically Annexures P-3 to P-9.

For the reasons mentioned in the application and keeping in view the submission made by counsel for the applicant, the application is allowed and documents Annexures P-3 to P-9 are taken on record.

CRM-M-38810-2025

The instant petition under Section 482 of BNSS,2023, has been filed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.19, dated 01.03.2025 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 22/29 of The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Ladhuwal, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana.

This Court vide order dated 23.07.2025, while issuing notice of motion, granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner, subject to his joining the investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance to the order dated 23.07.2025, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel on instructions from Investigating Officer does not controvert the said fact and further submits that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

In view of the above, the order dated 23.07.2025 is made absolute.

Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of.

CRM-M-39892-2025

This petition has been filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail during the pendency of trial in case FIR No.109 dated 20.07.2024, under Section 21 of NDPS Act [Lateron added Section 182/192 of Motor Vehicle Act vide GD No. 20 dated 14.09.2024], Police Station City Jalalabad,

District Fazilika, Punjab, (Annexure P-1), in the interest of justice, equity and fair play.

This Court vide order dated 31.07.2025 had granted the concession of interim regular bail to the petitioner and the case was ordered to be listed along with CRM-M-38810-2015.

Today, as petition bearing No. CRM-M-38810-2025 along with connected cases has been decided, hence, the interim regular bail granted to the petitioner is confirmed.

CRM-M-39868-2025

This petition has been filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail during the pendency of trial in case FIR No.65 dated 24.04.2025 under Section 22(C) of NDPS Act at Police Station City Malout, District Shri Muktsar Sahib.

This Court vide order dated 31.07.2025 had granted the concession of interim regular bail to the petitioner and the case was ordered to be listed along with CRM-M-38810-2015.

Today, as petition bearing No. CRM-M-38810-2025 along with connected cases has been decided, hence, the interim regular bail granted to the petitioner is confirmed.

CRM-M-44648-2025

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 223 dated 13.6.2025 registered under Section 21(b) and 27(a) of The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at P.S. Sadar, Fatehabad, District Fatehabad.

On the last date i.e. on 19.08.2025, the petitioner was granted anticipatory bail subject to joining investigation within one week.

Today, learned State Counsel informs the Court that the petitioner has not joined the investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has informed the Court that the petitioner is pursuing anticipatory bail in some other case which is pending before the Co-ordinate Bench and on that account has requested for extension of time to join the investigation by another week.

In view of the submission made by counsel for the petitioner, petitioner is granted one week more time to join the investigation.

However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner does not comply with the aforesaid direction of joining the investigation within one week, the order passed by this Court today shall automatically stand cancelled.

CRM-30616-2025

Application under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, for seeking modification of the Order dated 30.07.2025 passed by this Hon'ble Court in the above referred CRM-M-38087-2025, wherein the Under Section of the FIR has been wrongly recorded as 22/61/85 of NDPS instead of 22/29/61/85 of NDPS Act.

Learned counsel for the applicant prays for withdrawal of the present application, however, seeks liberty to take appropriate legal remedy available as per law.

Prayer is accepted.

Dismissed as withdrawn with aforesaid liberty

Main cases

This bunch of petitions came up for hearing before this Court wherein though petitioners have already been admitted to regular bail and anticipatory bails but a serious concern has been raised by learned counsel for the petitioners to the effect that the cases by and large involves false implication of the petitioners, wherein an attempt was made to substantiate the same by highlighting the data to the following effect as placed on record in tabulated form vide application filed in CRM-M-19901-2025 :-

Sr. No.	Name of the field unit/wing	Number of cases registered under NDPS Act, 1985 in last 6 months from 01.11.2024 to 30.04.2025 in which manufactured drugs/tablets/capsules have been recovered by the police
1.	Police Commissionerate, Amritsar	28
2.	Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar	50
3.	Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana	24
4.	Amritsar (rural)	25
5.	Batala	43
6.	Gurdaspur	36
7.	Pathankot	00
8.	Jalandhar (rural)	296
9.	Hoshiarpur	107
10.	Kapurthala	129
11.	Ludhiana (rural)	162
12.	Khanna	19
13.	SBS Nagar	170
14.	Patiala	126
15.	Sangrur	109
16.	Barnala	46
17.	Malerkotla	11

18.	Rupnagar	30
19.	SAS Nagar	11
20.	Fatehgar Sahib	84
21.	Ferozepur	44
22.	Fazilka	56
23.	Tarn Taran	49
24.	Faridkot	62
25.	Moga	104
26.	Sri Muktsar Sahib	125
27.	Bathinda	78
28.	Mansa	40
29.	GRP, Punjab	04
30.	ANTF, Punjab	09
31.	SSOC, Fazilka	00
32.	SSOC, Amritsar	00
33.	SSOC, SAS Nagar	00
34.	State Cyber Crime	00
Total		2107

Further, learned counsel has also placed the date in tabulated form vide CRM-30746-2025 in CRM-M-38810-2025 which is also reproduced hereinbelow :-

Sr. No.	Time Period	Days from start	Total FIRs	Total Arrests	% increase in FIRs	% increase in Arrests	Annexu r P-5
1.	March 8, 2025	12 days	875	1188	-	-	P-2
2.	March 29, 2025	29 days	2680	4542	206.29%	282.32%	P-6
3.	March 13, 2025	72 days	6280	10444	134.33%	129.94%	P-7
4.	May 20, 2025	92 days	9087	5495	44.70%	48.36%	P-8
5.	July 27, 2025	148 days	14,906	23647	64.04%	52.61%	P-9

A reference has been made to the fact that there is an unprecedented rise in the registration of the FIRs with 23,647 arrest involving non-commercial quantity and in more than 20000 FIRs of similar kind, the contraband recovered is tablets either loose or in strips without having no batch number and expiry date.

In such circumstances, probability of planted recovery becomes higher by misuse of said drug even at the end of police officials. Such apprehension is quite large in the wake of periodic amendments by the Chief Minister with DGP, Punjab that those police officials will be beautified in addition who will lodge higher number of cases.

During the course of the hearing, this Court requested Mr. M.S. Bedi, learned Advocate General Punjab, to assist on the concern raised by respective learned counsels for the petitioners, of which this Court was also of profound view that no common or an innocent person be harassed or put to unwarranted prosecution without having any concrete and cogent evidence against them. He after having taken some time, got instructions from, Mr. Gaurav Yadav, DGP, Punjab and assured the Court that no cases of false implication would be lodged and the scheme 'Yudh Nasheyen Virudh' would be implemented only in its true letter and spirit after taking due care and protection of innocent persons. He will submit that all necessary cautions will be taken by law enforcing agency to take corrective measures in an endeavour to protect innocents.

At this stage, learned State Counsel for Hayana submits that there is no instance of false implication, and the FIRs are being registered solely with the objective of eradicating the drug menace. At the same time, he has assured the Court that the concerns raised by the petitioners, as well as the observations made by the Court, will be taken up with the

senior authorities, including the DGP, Haryana, and the Home Secretary, Haryana to ensure that no innocent person is unnecessarily dragged into such FIRs merely to inflate the number of cases for the purpose of presenting embellished statistics.

In light of the above assurance, learned counsel for the petitioners are categorized to say that they do not have any grudge and wish to get the matters disposed of without pressing the issue any further at this stage.

Accordingly, the petitions stand disposed of with above said observations as it does not warrant further interference of this Court at this stage.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the file(s) of connected case(s).

22.08.2025
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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>