

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2025:PHHC:164564



CRM-M-51917-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.11.2025.

SATNAM SINGH @ SAGAR

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Harmanpreet Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present second petition under Section 483 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, has been filed for grant of regular bail to
the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.131 dated 15.09.2023, under Section(s)
25 of the Arms Act, 1959 and Sections 21 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and
Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Chattiwind,
District Amritsar.

2 Succinctly, as per the case of the prosecution, on 15.09.2023,
DSP Sucha Singh gave information to the investigating officer that accused
Satnam Singh @ Sagar (applicant herein), resident of village Manawala

Kalan was involved in sale of intoxicant substances along with his companions namely Vishavnath @ Chandu, Gurpreet Singh @ Gopi and Nishan Singh and they were present at the house of Satnam Singh. It was also informed that they had illegal weapons with them. Accordingly, raid was conducted at the house of accused Satnam Singh at village Manawala Kalan and four persons were arrested while they were trying to flee on seeing the police party. From search of Satnam Singh, one pistol alongwith magazine and two live cartridges was recovered. Similarly one pistol was also recovered from each of the accused Vishavnath Singh @ Chandu and Gurpreet Singh @ Gopi. From Nishan Singh one pistol alongwith a magazine and one live cartridge was recovered. During the course of investigation and on the basis of disclosure statement of accused Satnam Singh, recovery of 263 grams of Heroin was effected by the police. It is alleged that accused had hatched a criminal conspiracy and formed a gang to deal with illicit smuggling of drugs in the area.

3 Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner contends that initially when the raid was conducted only weapons were recovered from the premises. However, on disclosure statement of the petitioner, 263 grams of heroin is alleged to have been recovered. He contends that as per the custody certificate dated 26.11.2025 placed on record, the petitioner is in custody since 18.09.2023 and as such, he has already undergone an actual custody for a period of more than 2 years and 2 months. He submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and the trial has not yet commenced. He submits that even though charge in the present case had been framed on 01.04.2025, however, despite a lapse of nearly 07 months,

no prosecution witness has been examined so far.

4 State counsel does not dispute the above factual aspects, however, he submits that 263 grams of heroin was recovered on the disclosure statement of the petitioner.

5 Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the clean criminal antecedents, the age of the petitioner which is 24 years, the stage of the trial as well as the period of custody undergone by him, I deem it appropriate to allow the present petition. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

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

7 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.

November 27, 2025.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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