



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-53641-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 25.08.2025

BHAGWANT SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rishabh Singla, AAG, Punjab.

H.S. Grewal, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), seeking regular bail in FIR No.89 dated 17.07.2023 under Sections 61 of Excise Act and Sections 21, 29 of NDPS Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Raja Sansi, Amritsar.
2. The case of the prosecution is that 1980 kgs of *Laahan* and 554 litres of illicit liquor was recovered from the house of the petitioner. Thereafter, on the basis of disclosure statement of his co-accused namely Sukhwant Singh, 266 grams of *Heroin* was also recovered from their house.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody for the period of 02 years and 23 days. He further submits that out of 21 cited prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far.
4. Learned counsel for the State by way of filing of custody certificate, vehemently opposes the grant of concession of regular bail. He does not refute the fact that the petitioner is in custody for a period of 02 years and



23 days and that out of 21 cited prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far. He further states that the petitioner is involved in 04 more cases under the Excise Act.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the material placed on record.

6. Keeping in view the custody period of the petitioner as an undertrial that the custody undergone by the petitioner is 02 years and 23 days; out of 21 cited prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take a long time, further incarceration of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice. Therefore this Court deems it fit to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

7. Hence, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is **allowed**. The petitioner is granted the concession of regular bail, on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/ Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

8. It is however, made clear that in case during his bail, if the petitioner indulges in any offence, the State shall be at liberty to file an application for cancellation of bail of the petitioner.

9. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

25th August, 2025

Sonia Puri

(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE

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