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

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**CRM-M No.58063 of 2025**
**Date of Decision: 03.11.2025**

Amarjit Singh @ Amarjeet Singh ... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India through Narcotics Control Bureau ... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present: Mr. Neeraj Jain, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sourabh Goel, Special Public Prosecutor (NCB) with
Ms. Deify Jindal, Advocate,
for NCB,

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**MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)**

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (For short "BNSS") seeking regular bail in case/Crime No.17 dated 14.07.2025 registered under Sections 8, 18, 23 and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act') at Police Station Narcotics Control Bureau, Chandigarh.

2. As per the allegations, on 14.07.2025, on receipt of an information regarding one suspected parcel weighing 7.5 kg with shipment dated 09.07.2025 lying at the office of DHL being booked by the petitioner with further information that it was suspected to be containing some narcotic substance, an information was sent to the office of NCB Chandigarh. A team was formed which reached at the office of

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DHL and joined the employees of DHL as independent witnesses. The consignment which was contained in a brown colored carton box was opened and it was found to be containing 02 casseroles, 12 bath soaps, 02 bottles of ENO, 01 pair of steel tong, 04 steel glasses, 02 tooth paste and 06 packets of branded namkeen. On conducting thorough examination, it was found that one of the casseroles was heavier than its normal weight. On containing the same, it was found to be containing two different transparent polythenes containing some black colored pasty substance. On testing the same, it was found to be containing opium. In the second casserole also, opium was found to be kept in different zip lock polythenes. On weighing, 500 grams of opium was kept concealed in the same. The petitioner who had got the parcel booked was apprehended on 17.07.2025 and was formally arrested. Investigation now stands completed and complaint has been presented by the NCB before the concerned Court.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He is in custody since 17.07.2025. The trial will take considerable time. His further incarceration would not serve any useful purpose. He does not have criminal antecedents It is, therefore, urged that he deserves to be released on bail.

4. Status report has been filed. Learned Special Public Prosecutor for NCB has argued that there are serious allegations against the petitioner who has tried to send 500 grams of opium to USA by concealing it in two casseroles. Investigation regarding his larger network and foreign links is

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going on. The offence committed by the petitioner has serious ramifications as it forms part of a larger pattern of international drug trafficking. Given the nature of evidence and links of the petitioner with persons outside the country, there exists a real apprehension of his tampering with evidence or absconding, if extended benefit of bail. It is, therefore, urged that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

5. This Court has considered the rival submissions.

6. The petitioner is alleged to have concealed 500 grams of opium in two casseroles and those casseroles along with the certain articles were tried to be sent to USA through courier services when the contraband was recovered by the respondent on 14.07.2025. The allegations against the petitioner are quite serious in nature as he is prima facie found to be indulged in trafficking of illicit opium on international level. Keeping in view the nature of the allegations as levelled against the petitioner, the quantum of sentence which the conviction may entail and the attendant facts and circumstances but without meaning to make any comment on the merits of the case, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petition does not deserve to be allowed. Accordingly, the same is dismissed.

**(MANISHA BATRA)**
**JUDGE**

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

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