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

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Date of decision: 23.12.2025

RANJIT SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Rajiv Kumar Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. K.D. Sachdeva, DAG, Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner has approached this Court by way of present petition praying for granting them regular bail in case FIR No.129 dated 29.06.2024, under Sections 21, 21(c), 25, 27-A & 29 of NDPS Act; Section 473 of IPC and Section 25 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Kamboj, District Amritsar (Rural).

2. Succinctly, the facts of the present case are that the police party, while on patrolling on 29.06.2024, received a secret information to the effect that Juvraj Singh @ Bal is involved in selling of the illegal arms and smuggling of chitta. It was informed that 4-5 boys had come with him in 02 vehicles along with weapons and contraband. If the barricading is laid, they could be arrested along with the contraband. On receiving the information, police party laid the barricading and 02 cars i.e. Maruti Brezza and Toyota Corolla were seen and were stopped. In the Brezza car, 03 persons were travelling and on asking, driver of the car disclosed his name to be Yuvraj Singh, person sitting on the adjoining seat disclosed his name to be Jagroop Singh and the person sitting at the rear seat

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disclosed his name to be Prabhjeet Singh @ Bhana, whereas in the Corolla car also, 03 persons were travelling and on asking driver of the car disclosed his name to be Ranjit Singh (present petitioner), person sitting on the adjoining seat disclosed his name to be Akashdeep Singh and the person sitting at the rear seat disclosed his name to be Mangal Singh @ Mithu. They were suspected to be carrying some contraband and thus, search of the cars were made. On conducting the search of Brezza car, three rifles of 12 bore were recovered and from the search of Corolla car, one plastic bag containing cash of Rs.4,75,850/- as drug money was recovered. They failed to produce any licence regarding possession of the same and thus, they were arrested on spot. On registration of FIR, investigation commenced. During investigation, Mangal Singh @ Mithu made a disclosure statement regarding 01 kg of heroin and 500 grams of dry ice, which were lying in the house of main accused i.e. Yuvraj Singh thus, the raid was conducted at the house of Yuvraj Singh and 01 kg of heroin and 500 grams of dry ice were recovered. Samples taken were sent to the FSL. On receipt of FSL report, challan was presented and on framing of charges, the trial commenced. The petitioner approached the Learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar praying for grant of bail, however, finding no merit, their application was declined after hearing both the sides by Learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar vide order dated 21.11.2024. Aggrieved by the same, petitioner is before this Court by way of filing of present petitions for grant of bail

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, prays for the grant of bail to the petitioner on the basis of parity with that of the co-accused, namely, Jagroop Singh @ Raju, Akashdeep Singh @ Akash, Prabhjeet Singh @ Bhana and Mangal Singh @ Mithu. He has drawn the attention of this Court to the order dated 04.12.2025, passed in CRM-M-27204-2025, CRM-M-38066-2025, CRM-

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M-49179-2025 and CRM-M-59804-2025, whereby, co-accused Jagroop Singh @ Raju, Akashdeep Singh @ Akash, Prabhjeet Singh @ Bhana and Mangal Singh @ Mithu have been granted regular bail by this Court. He submits that the petitioner is behind bars since 29.06.2024. He submits that on the basis of the parity, the petitioner deserves to be granted bail as the case of the petitioner is similar to that of the said co-accused, who has already been granted bail.

4. Learned State counsel has endorsed the factum of grant of bail to the co-accused of the petitioner as stated above and has not denied that the petitioner is at par with the co-accused, namely, Jagroop Singh @ Raju, Akashdeep Singh @ Akash, Prabhjeet Singh @ Bhana and Mangal Singh @ Mithu. He has produced custody certificate of the petitioner today in the Court and the same is taken on record.

5. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the petitioner is behind bars since 29.06.2024. Co-accused, namely, Jagroop Singh @ Raju, Akashdeep Singh @ Akash, Prabhjeet Singh @ Bhana and Mangal Singh @ Mithu are on bail and the case of the petitioner as stated is at par with him. As submitted before this Court, the petitioner has completed incarceration of about 01 year, 05 months and 18 days and he is involved in four more cases, however, he is on bail in those cases.

6. This Court would refrain itself from commenting anything on the merits of the case. Keeping in view the arguments raised by both the sides, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioner succeeds in making out a case for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the basis of parity. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.



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7. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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