



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

CRM-M-4028-2026

Date of decision : 24.04.2026

Darshan Singh @ Raja Kanwada
versus

.....Petitioner

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr.Hitesh Chopra, Advocate for the petitioner (through V.C.).

Mr. Raj Karan Singh, A.A.G., Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.180 dated 21.08.2025, under Sections 21(B), 27(a), 29,61, 85 of NDPS Act and Section 25(8) of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Division B, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar.

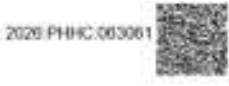
2. Succinctly the facts of the case are that on 21.08.2025, when the police party was on patrolling at Jahajgarh, Amritsar, saw a young man coming on foot towards the firecracker market. On seeing the police, he got perplexed and tried to turn back and threw some heavy substance wrapped in a polythene bag from the right pocket of his jacket into the grass. On suspicion, he was stopped and on asking, he disclosed his name to be Vikas Sharma @ Honey. He was suspected to be carrying some contraband in the polythene bag being thrown by him and thus, search was conducted. On conducting the search, 09 grams of heroin alongwith drug money of Rs.400/- was recovered. He failed to produce and licence regarding possession of the same and thus, the FIR was registered and he was arrested on spot. On registration of FIR, investigation commenced. During investigation, complicity of the petitioner was surfaced in the present case on the basis of disclosure statement made by co-accused,



Vikas Sharma @ Honey and thus, he was also arrayed as an accused in the present case. Resultantly, the petitioner was arrested on 30.09.2025. During further investigation, recovery of two pistols of 30 bore and 32 bore alongwith magazines, 05 lives cartridges and two mobile phones were recovered from the possession of the petitioner. The petitioner approached the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar for grant of bail, however, after hearing both the sides, the same was declined by the trial Court vide order dated 15.01.2026. Being aggrieved, the petitioner is before this Court by way of filing the present petition.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He submits that the alleged recovery of 9 grams of heroin was effected from co-accused, Vikas Sharma @ Honey and it is on his disclosure statement, the petitioner has been implicated in the present case. He submits that the petitioner was illegally arrested by the police and the recovery of the pistols and cartridges was planted upon him by the police party. He submit that the petitioner is implicated in more than 20 cases and it is on account of the same, time and again, he is being implicated by the Police in false and frivolous cases. He submits that the petitioner is behind bars since the date of his arrest but till date even investigation is not concluded. He thus, submits that his fundamental right of speedy trial is being defeated and he deserves to be granted bail.

4. Per contra, learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by the counsel for the petitioner. He has submitted that the complicity of the petitioner was surfaced during investigation of the co-accused from whom 09 grams of heroin was recovered. He submits that petitioner is a habitual offender. He submits that at the time of arrest,



the petitioner was found to be in possession of two pistols 30 bore; 32 bore alongwith magazines, 05 lives cartridges and two mobile phones. He, on instructions, has submitted that the case is still under investigation.

5. On hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the petitioner was arrayed as an accused in the present case only on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-accused. The recovery of armaments i.e. pistols and cartridges, is alleged against the petitioner. The petitioner is behind bars since the date of his arrest and till date investigation is pending. Though the petitioner is involved in other cases, however, in majority of the cases he is on bail.

6. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court.

7. The trial of the case will take sufficiently long time. Thus, keeping in view the overall facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioner succeeds in making out a case for grant of regular bail. 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 Court/Duty Magistrate.

8. In case the bail bonds are not furnished by the petitioner during the period of 07 days from today, then his further custody period after one week will not be counted in the present case.

24.04.2026
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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