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

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Decided on :12.05.2026

Jippy

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Vikrant K. Vij, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the BNSS, seeking regular bail in case FIR No. 62 dated 26.02.2025, under Sections 21(c), 27-A, 29 of NDPS Act and Section 111 of BNS, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur.

2. Case of the prosecution is that 257 grams of heroin was recovered from the possession of main accused-Aman Kumar @ Bhola. After the registration of FIR, another accused, namely Ramesh Pal @ Babba, was arrested on 27.04.2025 on the basis of his disclosure statement, with the allegation that he had supplied the recovered heroin to the main accused, Aman Kumar @ Bhola.

Upon his arrest, co-accused Ramesh Pal also disclosed the name of the petitioner, Jippy, alleging that it was the petitioner who had earlier supplied heroin to him (Ramesh Pal). Consequently, petitioner was arrested on 28.04.2025.

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that petitioner is in custody for a period of more than one year and that, except for the disclosure statement of co-accused, no other substantial evidence has been collected during the investigation to substantiate the allegations arising from the disclosure statement of Ramesh Pal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that main accused—Aman Kumar has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 26.02.2026 passed in CRM-M-46433-2025. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that out of total 15 prosecution witnesses, only 01 has been examined till date, thus, trial is likely to take considerable time to conclude, therefore, prays for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for the respondent-State opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail by submitting that petitioner is involved in a serious offence wherein a commercial quantity, i.e., 257 grams of heroin, was recovered from main accused, namely Aman Kumar @ Bhola. It is alleged that the said contraband had been supplied by the petitioner through Ramesh Pal to Aman Kumar. Therefore, petitioner is equally liable for the offences allegedly committed by the main accused.

Learned State counsel further submits that petitioner is also involved in two other cases registered under the provisions of the NDPS Act, which are still pending. However, he fairly admits that petitioner has not been held guilty in any of the said cases till date. Accordingly, he prays for the dismissal of the present petition.

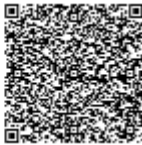
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5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have carefully perused the paper-book, along with the documents appended thereto.

6. Considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody for the last one year and that the allegations against him are yet to be proved beyond reasonable doubt, particularly when his involvement has surfaced merely on the basis of the disclosure statement of a co-accused, the veracity of such allegations is still a matter for trial. Furthermore, co-accused namely, Aman Kumar @ Bhola has already been granted the concession of regular bail and out of the total 15 prosecution witnesses, only 01 witness has been examined till date, and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time. In these circumstances, the personal liberty of the petitioner cannot be curtailed for an indefinite period.

Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, present petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

7. Any of the discussion done and recorded hereabove, shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case. Therefore, trial Court is expected to decide the case by taking an independent view, on the basis of evidence available on record, as expeditiously as possible in accordance with law.



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8. It is further made clear that if, in future, the petitioner is found to be directly involved in similar activities, the prosecution would be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail.

9. Petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

12.05.2026

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