



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-6806-2026
Date of decision: 11.02.2026

AKASHPREET SINGHPetitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

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

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Senior DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 26 dated 12.04.2024 registered under Sections 20 of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act at Police Station Sekhwan, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur.

2. Tersely, the relevant facts of the present case are that on 12-04-2024 co-accused Veeru Singh @ Aman and the petitioner were apprehended at Bidhipur Bypass while travelling on a motorcycle bearing registration no.PB46 L-1258. On search, 2.5 KG of Charas was recovered from Veeru Singh who was also stated to be driving the said motorcycle. It is submitted

that petitioner was a pillion rider to the co accused on the motorcycle and no recovery of any nature whatsoever was effected from the petitioner.

3. Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 12.10.2024 and has already undergone an actual custody of about 01 year and 04 months. He contends that the recovery of the contraband has been effected from a bag lying in front of the co-accused Veeru Singh on the fuel tank. It is submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents and there is no evidence to either link the petitioner with the aforesaid contraband or that he had knowledge of the same. He further submits that the trial is still at initial stages and only two witnesses out of total 13 witnesses cited by the prosecution have been examined so far and for the last 06-07 months, no prosecution witnesses has been examined by the trial Court.

4. Learned State Counsel does not dispute the same, however, he contends that recovery of 2.5 Kg of charas was effected. The clean antecedents of the petitioner and the place of recovery being the front of the motorcycle being driven by co-accused Veeru Singh is also not disputed.

5. Having heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties and taking into consideration the period of custody undergone by the petitioner his clean antecedents, the stage of the trial where only two witnesses have been examined so far coupled with the fact that arguable issues with respect to conscious possession of the contraband by the petitioner would arise for determination in the trial, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

6. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

7. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly.

8. The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the Trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Vishal Sharma

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

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