

2026:PHHC:036638



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

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CRM-M-8079-2026
Date of Decision: 10.03.2026

GURPREET SINGH @ GOPI

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. GREWAL.

Present: Mr. Prince Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Section 483 Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking regular bail for the petitioner in case FIR No.107 dated 13.12.2024 under Sections 21(C) and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985 and Section 10, 11, and 12 of the Aircraft Act, 1934 registered at Police Station Valtoha, Tehsil Patti, District Tarn Taran.

2. The case of the prosecution is that two persons namely Gurjant Singh and Amandeep Singh were found in possession of 504 grams and 497 grams of heroin respectively and on the basis of their disclosure statement, the petitioner has been nominated in the present case. It was alleged that the petitioner was likely to purchase the said contraband from them.

3. Learned Counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case as he is a poor driver and does not have the capacity to purchase such quantity of contraband which is worth crores of rupees. It is further submitted that apart from the disclosure statement, there is no other evidence to connect the petitioner with the alleged offence. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 07 months and he is not involved in any other criminal case. The trial of the case is yet to commence and as such, the same will take a long time to conclude. He thus prays that the petitioner be granted the concession of regular bail.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Rohit Hans, DAG, Punjab accepts notice and vehemently opposes the petition for grant of bail on the ground that the allegations and role attributed to the petitioner in the commission of the alleged offence are very serious in nature and the petitioner has actively participated in the alleged offence. Hence, he prays for dismissal of the present petition. Custody certificate filed by the State Counsel is taken on record. As per the said certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 07 months.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

7. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and taking into consideration the fact that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 07 months coupled with the fact that the trial of the case will take a long time to conclude, this Court is of the opinion that the petition in hand deserves to be allowed. Moreover, bail is rule and jail is exception. Since the continuous incarceration of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice, therefore, he is entitled to regular bail during the pendency of the trial.

8. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

9. It is clarified that if while on bail so granted through the instant order, the petitioner is found indulging in any other criminal case/activity, it shall be open to the State to seek cancellation of his bail.

10. Nothing discussed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

MARCH 10, 2026.

Rajender

**(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No