

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

CRM-M-7942-2026
Decided on: 07.05.2026

.....Petitioner

.....Respondent

(ii) Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that as per the case of the prosecution, on 28.11.2023, from the possession of two of the accused, namely, (i) Jagjeet Singh @ Jeetu and (ii) Jagpreet Singh @ Jagga, there was recovery of 125 kg of poppy husk, which was lying in the cabin of the canter bearing registration No. PB10-HK-8658. The said canter was being driven by accused – Jagpreet Singh @ Jagga. The accused persons, who had been arrested, named Sandeep Shukla @ Sunny and Umesh @ Suresh as the supplier(s) of the said contraband, which was recovered from their possession.



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(iii). *Learned counsel argues that said Umesh, on 15.06.2025, made a disclosure statement, i.e., after a period of more than two years, wherein the petitioner was also named and he was thus made an accused in the present case after such a long period.*

Further argues that the petitioner has no connection with any of the other accused, except one, i.e., Umesh @ Suresh, who in fact is the brother of the petitioner. It is submitted that never any such incident was registered against the petitioner in his past career. Besides, all the other accused persons have been granted concession of regular bail by this Court on different occasions. In support of his contention, learned counsel refers to Annexures P-2 to P-4, respectively, appended along with the present petition.

Thus, in view of above learned counsel prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

(iv). *Notice of motion.*

(v). *On advance notice, learned State counsel puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to respond to the submissions addressed by learned counsel opposite, after seeking instructions. And, in case of necessity, to file status report.*

Besides, learned State counsel points out that on three occasions, money was deposited in the bank account of the petitioner, i.e., on 08.10.2023, 15.10.2023 and again on 27.11.2023, respectively, by his coaccused – Sandeep Shukla @ Sunny. He further elaborates that a total amount of Rs.1,70,000/- was deposited in the bank account of the petitioner at the instance of Sandeep Shukla @ Sunny and an amount of Rs.30,000/- was deposited by accused – Jagjeet Singh @ Jeeta.

(vi). *Adjourned to 07.05.2026.*

(vii). *Let a detailed status report be filed in regard to the contentions addressed by the petitioner's counsel here-above.*

(viii). *In the meanwhile, petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

(ix). *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.*

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court. "

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance to the directions issued by this Court vide order dated 11.02.2026, the petitioner has joined investigation.



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4. Status report by way of an affidavit of Harvinder Singh HPS, DSP HSNCB Panchkula, on behalf of respondent-State has been filed in the Court today. The same is taken on record.

5. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

7. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 11.02.2026 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

8. The petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

9. However, present order would be subject to the submission of his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses, within a period of one week from today. Otherwise, he would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

10. It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

07.05.2026

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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/~~NO~~
Whether Reportable: ~~YES~~/NO