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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Aashish Verma

....Petitioner

V/s

Union of India

....Respondent

Date of decision: 11.03.2026**Date of Uploading: 12.03.2026****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL**Present: Mr. R.S. Cheema, Sr. Advocate (through VC) with
Mr. A.S. Cheema, Advocate for the petitioner.Mr. Rajiv Sharma (Hisarwale),
Special Public Prosecution for NCB (through VC).

SUMEET GOEL, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS seeking the concession of interim bail in NCB case No.51, dated 08.12.2024, under Sections 8, 8(a), 22, 25, 27-A, 29, 35, 54 and 60 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Narcotics Control Bureau, Amritsar Zonal Unit, Amritsar, Punjab.

2. Learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner, while raising submissions in tandem with the averments contained in the petition, has argued that the petitioner may be afforded the concession of interim bail for a limited period in order to enable him to make necessary arrangements and to personally attend to and take care of his ailing mother, who is about 70 years old and is in need of constant care and assistance. Learned senior counsel has further iterated that due to her advanced age and deteriorating health condition, the presence of the petitioner is very much necessary to



ensure her proper medical treatment and day-to-day care. To buttress this argument, learned senior counsel has, *inter alia*, relied upon the discharge summary and medical records of the mother of the petitioner, which indicate her medical condition and the need for continuous support and supervision, relevant where of reads as under:-

“Advice on Discharge:-

- 1. Maintenance Hemodialysis Thrice Weekly (Next on Thursday)*
- 2. Inj. Vancomycin 500 MG in 100 ML NS IV over 1 hour Post HD IV for 3 doses.*
- 3. Inj. Amikacin 250 MG IV Post HD for 3 doses.*
- 4. Tab. Rifagut 550 MG Twice da day.*
- 5. Tab. Folvite 5 MG once a day.*
- 6. Tab Ecosprin 75 MG at bedtime for 2 weeks.*
- 7. Tab. Clopitab 75 MG at bedtime for 2 weeks.*
- 8. Tab. Atorva 40 MG at bedtime.*
- 9. Tab Carca 3.125 MG twice a day.*
- 10. Inj. Cresp 80 MG S/C once a week.*
- 11. Inj. Optineuron IV once a weekly.*
- 12. Fresubin HP 2 Scoops thrice a day.”*

In view of the aforesaid submissions, the grant of petition in hand is entreated for.

3. Reply by way of an affidavit dated 09.03.2026 has been filed on behalf of respondent-NCB, in the Court today, which is taken on record, the relevant extract thereof reads as under:-

“That, view of the medical certificate submitted by the petitioner in the present case, verification was conducted by the officials of NCB in respect of NCB Crime No. 04/2025 at the residence of Puneet Verma, brother of Aashish Verma. During the verification , it was informed by the other family members that the mother of Aashish Verma is currently undergoing medical treatment at Fortis Hospital and is being looked after by Sh. Sakhsham Verma and the other members of Aashish Verma’s family. The verification report is attached herewith as Annexure R-6.”

While raising submissions in tandem with the aforesaid reply,

learned counsel appearing for the respondent-NCB, has opposed the grant of



interim bail to the petitioner by iterating that there are other family member(s) available who can adequately take care of the ailing mother of the petitioner. Learned counsel has further submitted that the petitioner may also pose a flight risk, particularly keeping in view the seriousness and gravity of the allegations levelled against him in the present case. It has been further contended that if the petitioner is released on interim bail, there exists a strong possibility that he may evade from the process of law. Furthermore, it has also been brought to the notice of this Court that one more case is pending against the petitioner, which has also been registered by the NCB. On the strength of aforesaid grounds as also the conduct and antecedents, it has been prayed that the petitioner is not entitled to the concession of interim bail.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the rival parties and have perused the available record.
5. Before proceeding further, it would be apposite to refer herein to the judgment passed by this Court in **CRM-M-33729-2025** titled as **Jaswinder Singh alias Kala versus State of Punjab**, decided on 21.07.2025, wherein it has been held as under:

“14. As a sequitur to above-said rumination, the following postulates emerge:

(I) (i) A bill plea on merits; in respect of an FIR under NDPS Act of 1985 involving offence(s) under Section 19 or Section 24 or Section 27-A thereof and for offence(s) involving commerical quantity; is essentially required to meet with the rigour(s) of Section 37 of NDPS Act.

(ii) The rigour(s) of Section 37 of NDPS Act do not apply to a bail plea(s) on medical ground(s), interim bail on account of any exigency including the reason of demise of a close family relative etc.

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xxx	xxx	xxx”



6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record; it transpires that the mother of the petitioner, who is about 70 years of age, is suffering from medical ailments and requires proper care and assistance. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case as also keeping in view the factum of the management of the health condition and medical treatment of the mother of the petitioner; this Court is inclined to afford the concession of interim bail to the petitioner for a period of 10 days from the date of his release, *albeit*.

7. Accordingly, the petition in hand is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on interim bail for a period of 10 days, *albeit*, subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate. However, in addition to condition(s) that may be imposed by the concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate, the petitioner shall remain bound by the following conditions:-

- (i) *The petitioner shall not mis-use the liberty granted.*
- (ii) *The petitioner shall not tamper with any evidence, oral or documentary, during the trial.*
- (iii) *The petitioner shall not absent himself on any date before the trial.*
- (iv) *The petitioner shall not commit any offence while on bail.*
- (v) *The petitioner shall deposit his passport, if any, with the trial Court.*
- (vi) *The petitioner shall give his cell-phone number to the Investigating Officer, keep it on all times & shall not change cell-phone number without prior permission of the concerned trial Court.*
- (vii) *The petitioner shall submit either an FDR of Rs. 10 lacs in the name of the concerned Court releasing him on interim bail or a bank guarantee to the tune of Rs. 10 lacs in the name of the Court releasing him on interim bail.*

8. The petitioner shall surrender back to the custody immediately after expiry of the aforesaid concession of interim bail for a period of 10 days. In case of breach of any of the aforesaid conditions and/or those which may be imposed by concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate as directed

NCB/complainant shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of interim bail granted to the petitioner.

9. Since the main case has been decided, pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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