

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH
153-2
CRM-M-12458-2026

AASHISH VERMA

...PETITIONERS

V/s

UNION OF INDIA

...RESPONDENTS

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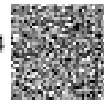
CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. R.S. Cheema, Sr. Advocate (Through VC) with
Mr. A.S. Cheema, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurabh Goel, Special Public Prosecution for NCB.

SUMEET GOEL, J.

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS for grant of interim bail in NCB case No. 4, dated 07.02.2025, under Sections 8, 22(c), 25, 29 & 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



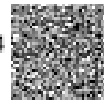
health condition, the presence of the petitioner is very much necessary to ensure her proper medical treatment and day-to-day care. To buttress this argument, learned senior counsel has, *inter alia*, relied upon the discharge summary and medical records of the mother of the petitioner, which indicate 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.”*

3. Reply by way of an affidavit dated 09.03.2026 of Amit Kumar, Investigating Officer, Narcotics Control Bureau, Amritsar Zonal Unit has been filed on behalf of respondent, in the Court today, which is taken on record, relevant extract thereof reads as under:-

“10. That thereafter after taking the address declared by the mother of the petitioner in the hospital, another verification was conducted by the officials of the Narcotics Control Bureau at E-2/1604, G-21, Vatika, Gurugram, Haryana. During the course of the said verification conducted on 08.03.2026, the investigating officer visited the said premises and made enquiries regarding the condition of the petitioner's mother. Upon reaching the said address, it was found that the mother of the petitioner was present at the said premises and several family members of the petitioner were also present there. The presence of Saksham Verma, who is 26 years old son of the petitioner, Anshika Verma, who is 22 years old daughter of the petitioner and is pursuing MBBS and Parul Verma, the wife of the deceased brother of the petitioner, namely Puneet Verma was found at the premises. During the enquiry conducted at the spot, the said family members informed the

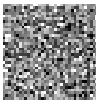


verifying officer that the mother of the petitioner was presently undergoing medical treatment at Fortis Hospital, Gurugram, and that she was being looked after by the family members. The verification report clearly establishes that close family 20 members of the petitioner, including his adult son and daughter, are present and available at the said premises and are attending to the needs and care of the petitioner's mother. The contents of the verification report thus demonstrate that the petitioner's assertion that there is no family member/member available to look after his mother is factually incorrect and misleading. The copy of the report dated 08.03.2026 is annexed as Annexure R-2."

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



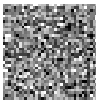
Jaswinder Singh alias Kala versus State of Punjab, decided on 21.07.2025,
wherein it has been held as under:

“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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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 hereinabove or upon showing any other sufficient cause, the 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