



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

**CRM-M-14059-2026
Date of decision :19.03.2026**

Gurpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Munish Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Raj Karan Singh, AAG, Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Present second petition has been filed praying for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.0002 dated 04.01.2024, under Sections 18(c), 25, 31-A, 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985 (Sections 61, 85 of the NDPS Act added later on), registered at Police Station Goraya, District Jalandhar Rural.

2. Succinctly, facts of the case are that on 04.01.2024 the police party in connection with blockade, were present at the Prachin Shiv Mandir in front of the Highway GT Road where a secret informer through mobile phone informed that Jagjit Singh @ Jeeta was habitual of smuggling opium in Punjab and Gurpreet Singh (present petitioner) along with Jarnail Singh were coming on a truck bearing No.PB-10-HN-9921 make Bharat Benz whereas, Harmohan Singh was coming on a truck bearing No.PB-10-HA-6191 make Leyland and had concealed opium in a secret compartment in the trucks and were going to supply the same to Jagjit Singh, who has also made a secret compartment below the bed of his trolley if barricading is laid, they could be arrested on the spot along with the contraband. On receiving the information, the police reached the place as disclosed and led the barricading



and the said truck was seen coming and was signalled to stop. On suspicion, he was apprehended. On asking, he disclosed his names as Jagjit Singh @ Jita. On conducting the search, 10 kg of opium was recovered. He failed to produce any license regarding possession of the same and thus, the FIR was registered and he was arrested on the spot. The investigation commenced. On completion of the investigation, challan was presented and charges were framed. Petitioner approached the Court of learned Judge, Special Court, Jalandhar, praying for grant of regular bail. However, after hearing counsel for the parties, the same was declined vide order dated 10.09.2024. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner earlier approached this Court by way of filing CRM-M-42132-2025, however, the same was dismissed on merits vide order dated 08.09.2025. Hence, the petitioner is before this Court by way of filing the present second petition.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, prays for the grant of bail on the basis of parity with that of co-accused Jarnail Singh. He has drawn the attention of this Court to the order passed by this Court in CRM-M-67043-2025 dated 28.01.2026 whereby co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Jarnail Singh has been granted the concession of regular bail. He has submitted that case of the petitioner is at par with the co-accused, who has been granted bail by this Court. He submits that on the basis of the parity, the petitioner deserves to be granted bail as case of the petitioner is similar to that of the co-accused, who has already been granted bail by this Court.

4. Per contra, learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by counsel for the petitioner. However, he has endorsed the fact that case of the petitioner is at par with co-accused, namely, Jarnail Singh, who has already been granted bail by this Court. On instructions, he has submitted that challan has been filed, charges have been framed and out of 16 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far. He has produced



custody certificate of petitioner, today in the Court, which is taken on record.

5. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the petitioner is behind bars since the date of his arrest. As submitted by the State, out of 16 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far. The custody certificate produced would show that petitioner has suffered incarceration of 02 years, 02 months and 02 days as on 18.03.2026. It further reflects that the petitioner is not involved in any other case. Admittedly, co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Jarnail Singh who was also named in the secret information has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 28.01.2026.

6. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court. The trial of the case will take sufficiently long time. Keeping in view the arguments raised by both the sides and perusing the record, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioner succeeds in making out a case for grant of regular bail on the basis of parity with co-accused, Sagar who has already been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 28.01.2026 passed in CRM-M-67043-2025. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

19.03.2026
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(**RAJESH BHARDWAJ**)
JUDGE

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