



IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-13775-2026 (O&M)

Bikramjit Singh @ Bikar ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent

Sr. No.	Particulars	Details
1	The date when the judgment is reserved	05.05.2026
2	The date when the judgment is pronounced	06.05.2026
3	The date when the judgment is uploaded on the website	06.05.2026
4	Whether only operative part of the judgment is pronounced or full judgment is pronounced	Full
5	The delay, if any, of the pronouncement of full judgment, and reasons thereof	Not applicable

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present:- Ms. Komalpreet Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J.

- Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 164 dated 08.10.2025, registered under Sections 21-B, 27-A and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (*for short 'NDPS Act'*) at Police Station Chhattwind, District Amritsar (Rural).
- Brief facts of the case relevant for the disposal of the present petition are that on 08.10.2025, co-accused Avtar Singh @ Dumble was apprehended by a police party and recovery of 16 grams of heroin and drug

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money of Rs. 400/- was effected from him. He was formally arrested at the spot. Upon interrogation, he disclosed that the recovered contraband was purchased by him from the present petitioner. On the basis of the same, the petitioner was nominated in this case as an accused and was arrested on 09.10.2025. Investigation is still pending.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case on the basis of the disclosure statement of the above named co-accused, which cannot be considered to be admissible in evidence. No subsequent recovery has been effected from him. Even otherwise, the quantity of the contraband, allegedly recovered from the abovenamed co-accused, does not fall under commercial quantity. The petitioner is in judicial custody since 09.10.2025. Trial will take time as even investigation is still pending. No useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody anymore. Main accused Avtar Singh @ Dumble has already been granted concession of regular bail by this Court, vide order dated 02.02.2026 passed in **CRM-M-68034-2025**. On parity, the petitioner too deserves to be given the same benefit. His involvement in other cases cannot be made a ground for denying him the benefit of bail in the given circumstances. Therefore, it is urged that the petition deserves to be allowed and the petitioner deserves to be released on regular bail.

4. Status report and the custody certificate of the petitioner have been filed by the respondent-State. It is submitted by learned State counsel that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner as well as his criminal antecedents, he is not entitled to get benefit of bail. Hence, it is urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

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5. This Court has heard the rival submissions.
6. The petitioner is in custody since 09.10.2025. The quantity of the contraband allegedly recovered from the co-accused does not fall under commercial quantity. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner. Investigation is still pending, which means it will take time for presentation of *challan* and then in conclusion of trial. Co-accused, from whom the alleged recovery was effected, has already been granted benefit of regular bail by this Court, as mentioned above. Involvement of the petitioner in other cases cannot be considered to be a ground for denying him bail in this case in the given circumstances. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this Court is of the considered opinion that no useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody anymore. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned. However, it will be open for the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail in case the petitioner is found involved in any other subsequent case.
7. It is made clear that any observation made herein above is only for the purpose of deciding the present petition and the same shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

06.05.2026
Waseem Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No