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

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CRM-M-14874-2026 (O&amp;M)

Date of decision: 21.04.2026

**Manjit Singh****...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present:- Mr. B. S. Bhalla, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

**MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)**

1. Through the instant petition, filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No. 145 dated 31.12.2025, registered under Sections 21, 27A and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (*for short 'NDPS Act'*), Section 25 of the Arms Act and Sections 180, 109, 221, 132, 324(4) and 238 of BNS, 2023 at Police Station Bhindi Saidan, District Amritsar.

2. Brief facts of the case relevant for the purpose of disposal of this petition are that on 31.12.2025, a secret information was received by a police party headed by SI Gurbaksh Singh that Harvail Singh @ Billa, petitioner Manjit Singh, Jashandeep Singh, Rajdeep Singh, Surjit Singh and Ranjit Singh were indulged in smuggling heroin, illegal arms/ammunitions and counterfeit currency from Pakistani smugglers through drone. It was also informed that at that time, the abovenamed persons were present at their house

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and can be apprehended if a raid was conducted. Believing the information to be true, a raiding party was immediately formed, which raided the informed place. However, all the accused persons went on to the terrace of the house and started pelting stones at the police officials and damaged the wind screen of govt. vehicle. ASI Harjinder Singh received an injury on his nose in the said incident. Accused Harvail Singh and Rajdeep Singh were arrested. On interrogation, accused Harvail Singh, on 03.01.2026, disclosed that he along with the present petitioner and abovenamed other accused had procured heroin and weapons from Pakistan through drone and had given to some unknown customers on the instructions of Pakistani smugglers. He further disclosed that he had flushed 500 grams of heroin in his bathroom at the time when the raid was conducted by the police party. At his instance, recovery of 10 grams of heroin, drug money of Rs.5600/-, one electronic scale and one magazine with four bullets was effected. Apprehending his arrest, the petitioner had moved an application for grant of anticipatory bail before the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar but the same had been dismissed, vide order dated 11.03.2026.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He has been nominated in this case on the basis of the disclosure statement suffered by the aforesaid co-accused, which is not admissible in evidence. He has no previous history of his involvement in any case under NDPS Act. The allegations of pelting stones at the police officials are vague and general in nature, which lack specificity. None of the police officials had received any injury so as to invoke the provisions of Section 109

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of BNS. Other offences are also not made out. It is further argued that the quantity of the contraband allegedly recovered from the co-accused does not fall under commercial quantity, being only 10 grams. The petitioner is ready to join the investigation. His custodial interrogation is not required. No recovery is to be effected from him. No useful purpose would be served by detaining him into custody. It is, therefore, urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

4. Status report has been filed by the respondent-State. Learned State counsel has argued that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner, he is not entitled to get benefit of bail. His custodial interrogation is required for proper investigation in the matter. Hence, it is urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

5. This Court has heard the rival submissions.

6. The implication of the petitioner in the present case rests primarily on the disclosure statement of co-accused Harvail Singh, which by itself carries limited evidentiary value. It is also noteworthy that the recovery allegedly effected from the co-accused is of 10 grams of heroin, which does not fall within the category of commercial quantity. The allegations qua the petitioner and co-accused regarding pelting of stones are general in nature and lack specific attribution. The injury stated to have been suffered by a police official is simple and does not *prima facie* indicate a grave assault so as to disentitle the petitioner from the relief sought. The petitioner is stated to have no criminal antecedents under the NDPS Act and has expressed willingness to join investigation. At this stage, no material has been brought to the notice of

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this Court to suggest that any recovery is to be effected from him or that his custodial interrogation is indispensable. In view of the above discussion, this Court is of the considered opinion that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is granted concession of anticipatory bail, subject to the compliance of conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS. He is directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer to join investigation within a period of ten days from today or as and when subsequently required thereafter. In the event of his arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on bail subject to his/her satisfaction.

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.

21.04.2026  
*Waseem Ansari*

(MANISHA BATRA)  
JUDGE

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| <i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |
| <i>Whether reportable</i>        | <i>Yes/No</i> |