



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

**201**

**CRM-M-15156-2026**

**Date of Decision: 11.06.2026**

**PAPPU KUMAR KESARI @ PAPPU KESARI**

...Petitioner

Versus

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA**

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Present: Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Senior Advocate (Through V.C.) with  
Mr. Randeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravneet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

**DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)**

1. That the present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, "BNSS") seeking the grant of anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No. 217 dated 30.10.2025, registered under Sections 18(c), 25 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, "NDPS Act"), at Police Station Chheharta, District Amritsar, Punjab.

2. As per the prosecution case, 5 kilograms of opium, falling within the commercial quantity category, was recovered from the possession of co-accused Parlhada Kumar and Naresh Devgan. The contraband was allegedly being transported in Truck No. BR-02GA-6903, which is owned by the petitioner.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in the initial disclosure statements dated 01.11.2025 (Annexures R-1 and R-2), both co-accused, namely Parlhada Kumar and Naresh Devgan, did not name the petitioner. As per the said disclosure statements, the contraband in question had been procured and transported by the said co-accused themselves for the purpose of sale in the market. However, in the supplementary disclosure statement recorded on 03.11.2025 (Annexure R-3), the petitioner was nominated as the supplier and financier of the contraband.

4. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner has clean antecedents and he is not involved in any other case. It is contended that the driver employed by the petitioner may have been dealing with the contraband and that the petitioner had no knowledge whatsoever regarding the transportation or possession of the opium.

5. Vide order dated 19.03.2026, this Court directed the State to file a status report specifying the role attributed to the petitioner, the evidence collected during investigation regarding his complicity and his criminal antecedents, if any.

6. Today, learned State counsel concedes that apart from the supplementary disclosure statement dated 03.11.2025 (Annexure R-3) made by the co-accused, there is no other evidence against the petitioner. It is further conceded that no other case under the NDPS Act has been registered against the petitioner. However, one criminal case pertaining to offences of cheating and forgery is stated to be registered against him in State of Bihar.

7. Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the fact that petitioner has no criminal antecedent with respect to NDPS cases; the



fact that no case was ever registered by the complainant against the petitioner, this petition deserves to be allowed.

8. In case of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. However, it is directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when so required by the Investigating Officer. He shall not contact any person associated with the case to dissuade him from the investigation in any manner whatsoever and nor shall leave the country without prior permission of the Court. He shall further comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 482(2) of BNSS.

9. Disposed of.

(DEEPAK GUPTA)  
JUDGE

June 11, 2026  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |