



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

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**CRM-M No.15917 of 2026
Date of decision : 4.5.2026
Date of uploading : 5.5.2026**

Jasdev Singh**Petitioner**
Versus
State of Punjab**Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Ms. Vanshika Gupta, Advocate, for
Mr. Lakshay Bector, Advocate, for the petitioner

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. On 24.3.2026, the following order was passed:

‘Petitioner, an accused in case FIR No.22 dated 29.01.2026, registered against him for the commission of offences punishable u/s 18, 27, 29 of NDPS Act, at Police Station Sri Chamkaur Sahib, District Rupnagar, has filed the present petition for grant of anticipatory bail u/s 482 BNS. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case only on the basis of disclosure statement suffered by co-accused, who were allegedly caught red handed at the site keeping in their illegal possession 03 kgs 80 grams of Opium (‘Commercial Quantity’). Learned counsel further submits that said disclosure statement, in the absence of recovery of any other incriminating material, is not admissible in evidence. Learned counsel further submits that petitioner is willing to join the investigation as and when called for by the Investigating Officer. Heard. Documents perused. Notice of motion. Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of



respondent-State and seeks time to file detailed status report.

Adjourned to 04.05.2026.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within fifteen days from today and co-operate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS.'

2. Learned State counsel (on instructions) submits that pursuant to the order dated 24.3.2026, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

3. In view of the stance of the State, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and he being arrayed as an accused on the basis of disclosure statement, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 24.3.2026, in light of the dicta of the judgment passed by this Court in **CRM-M-54032-2024 'Ashu Vs. State of Punjab'** and recent judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in **'Jugraj Singh Vs. State of Punjab'** bearing **Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.9190/2025**.

4. In view of the above, the instant petition is allowed. The interim order dated 24.3.2026, passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

6. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any



condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

4.5.2026
Ashwani

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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