



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

**CRM-M No.19263 of 2026
Date of Decision:-23.06.2026**

Harpreet Singh

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present:- Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner (through video-conference).

Mr. Amit Shukla, DAG, Punjab.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition preferred under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short the "BNSS") is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0017 dated 04.02.2026 registered under Sections 15(b) and 27(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short the "NDPS Act") at Police Station Sadar Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. The petitioner was apprehended on 04.02.2026 and 1 Kg. 450 grams poppy husk along with Rs.25,200/- cash was recovered from him.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that 1 Kg. 450 grams of poppy husk was allegedly recovered from the petitioner, which is a non-commercial quantity. He submits that the petitioner is in custody for

the last 04 months and 17 days; no recovery has to be effected from him; trial will take a sufficiently long time and, therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

4. Per contra, learned State counsel has opposed the grant of bail. He submits that the petitioner is involved in one more case under the NDPS Act. Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate dated 21.06.2026 in Court, which is taken on record.

5. Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner deserves to be released on bail. He is in custody for the last more than 04 months and 17 days. Trial will take a sufficiently long time to conclude and, therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

6. In view of the aforementioned facts and circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

June 23, 2026
Yag Dutt

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No