



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-19210-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 17.04.2026

Sukhwinder Singh @ Bughi

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Umesh Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Dr. (Ms.) Savi Nagpal, AAG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. This first petition has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner(s) in case bearing FIR No.09 dated 01.02.2026, registered under Section(s) 21/27-A/29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Mattewal, Amritsar.

2. It is contended that the petitioner was apprehended during a routine patrolling & checking and upon his search, a polythene packet containing 7 grams of *Heroin* and Rs.600/- cash alleged to be drug money was recovered from the left pocket of his trouser.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and he has been in judicial custody since 01.02.2026. He contends that the alleged recovered quantity is an intermediate quantity. It is contended that as per the allegations levelled against the petitioner, he is not stated to be a drug supplier or a mule and that no further investigation is required to be carried out against the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for respondent-State contends that the final

report is yet to be filed. She, however, submits that the petitioner is also involved in 3 other cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

5. Responding to the above, counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is on bail in all those FIRs.

6. Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the facts as noted above, including the recovered quantity being an intermediate quantity, in such circumstances, it may be highly probable that the petitioner may himself be a consumer of narcotic substance and not a drug peddler and arguable issues would arise regarding the same for determination by the trial Court and further bearing in mind that the conclusion of the trial is likely to take a long time, I deem it fit to allow the instant petition.

7. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to regular bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate concerned.

8. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.

9. The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

17.04.2026

Mangal Singh

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