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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.22445 of 2026

Harjeet @ Hardeep ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana ... Respondent

1.	The date when the judgment is reserved	19.05.2026
2.	The date when the judgment is pronounced	21.05.2026
3.	The date when the judgment is uploaded on the website	21.05.2026
4.	Whether only operative part of the judgment is pronounced or whether the full judgment is pronounced	Full
5.	The delay, if any, of the pronouncement of full judgment, and reasons thereof	Not applicable

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Harjinder Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Poswal, AAG, Haryana,
for the respondent-State.

MANISHA BATRA, J.

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under



Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (For short “BNSS”) seeking regular bail in the FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
633	30.09.2025	Samalkha, District Panipat	15(c), 25 and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short ‘NDPS Act’) and 318(4), 336(3), 338, 340(2), 238(3) and 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (For short “BNS”)

2. As per the allegations, on 30.09.2025, on receipt of a secret information to the effect that the present petitioner was engaged in the business of trading in sale/purchase of contrabands by bringing them from the different states and then selling them and that he was indulged in supply of these contrabands in different hotels and dhabas and further that he had brought huge quantity of contrabands from Rajasthan in a Swaraj Mazda make vehicle bearing registration No. UP14FT-9852 and had parked that vehicle behind Pehalwan dhaba situated at GT Road Samalkha which could be recovered, a raiding party was formed which reached at the informed place and found the aforementioned vehicle to be lying parked therein. On checking the same, 274.73 of poppy straw was found kept in the same which was taken into possession along with the vehicle. A GPS device was also recovered from the same. The petitioner was arrested on 14.10.2025. He suffered disclosure statement admitting his involvement in the crime. Subsequently, Rishiraj was nominated as an accused and was arrested on

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24.10.2025 on the allegations that he had prepared fake registration certificate of the recovered vehicle. Recovery of some fake registration certificates, mobile phones and a fitness certificate was effected from him. Offences under Sections 318(4), 336(3), 338, 340(2) and 61(2) of BNS were added. Subsequently, accused Junaid @ Juna and Jora Singh were arrested. Investigation now stands completed qua them and challan has been presented in the Court.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. No recovery was effected from him. The recovered truck was not registered in his name. Rather the same is claimed to have been purchased by one Harjeet Singh son of Gulab Singh resident of Balian Tehsil and District Rohtak from one Zora Singh vide agreement dated 17.12.2024 thereby showing that the petitioner had nothing to do with the abovesaid vehicle. The recovery is not from his conscious possession. He is not required for further investigation. The trial will take considerable time to conclude. No useful purpose would be served by detaining him in custody any more. It is, therefore, argued that he deserves to be released on bail.

4. Per contra, learned State counsel while relying upon the status report has argued that the allegations against the petitioner are quite serious in nature. He was actively involved in trafficking of poppy straw. He was not only the facilitator but the transporter as well as the coordinator in the transportation of the recovered contraband. The recovered vehicle was arranged and used by him for the purpose of transportation of contraband.

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He had not only managed affixing of a fake number plate on this vehicle but also procured forged documents for concealment of the identity of the vehicle. The GPS device installed in this vehicle was used by him. He had hired a driver to drive the abovesaid vehicle to Madhya Pradesh after coordinating with the co-accused. The movement of the vehicle was monitored by him through the mobile phone linked with GPS Tracking device. His complicity in the subject crime stands fully established. The recovered poppy straw is of commercial quantity. There are chances of petitioner's absconding or committing similar offences, if extended benefit of bail. His antecedents are not clean. It is, therefore, argued that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

5. This Court has considered the rival submissions.

6. The petitioner in connivance with the co-accused is alleged to have facilitated transportation of commercial quantity of poppy straw through a truck which was used by affixing a fake number plate and on the basis of forged document of identity like registration certificate also. The GPS device which was installed in this vehicle has been found linked with the mobile phone recovered from the petitioner thereby establishing his complicity in the crime. The allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature. The trial is at its nascent stage. Taking into consideration the afore discussed facts, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petition does not deserve to be allowed. Accordingly, the same is dismissed.

7. It is, however, clarified that observations made hereinabove



shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

21.05.2026
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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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