



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-38120-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 24.02.2026

Lakhbir Singh @ Lakhvir Singh

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Supinder Singh Sohi, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. This first petition has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner(s) in FIR bearing No.19 dated 05.02.2022, registered under Section(s) 21 (Sections 29, 27A, 30 added later on) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Sujanpur, District Pathankot, Punjab.

2. FIR in the present case was registered pursuant to the recovery of 10 kg 80 grams of *Heroin* from the co-accused. The petitioner was nominated in the present case as an accused on the disclosure of co-accused. Even otherwise, 03 more FIRs have been registered against the petitioner for similar offences.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely indicted in the present case on the disclosure of the co-accused, who has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this

Court vide order dated 24.01.2025. He contends that the petitioner has been in custody since 05.02.2022.

4. Status report filed by way of affidavit dated 09.10.2025 on behalf of respondent-State is already available on file.

5. Learned counsel for respondent-State submits that as per the said status report, the prosecution evidence stood concluded on 16.01.2025 and the matter had been fixed for defence evidence for 29.08.2025.

6. It is thus evident that the trial is already at its fag end.

7. Faced with the above, counsel for the petitioner contends that he would be satisfied at this juncture, in case, the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial in a time bound manner.

8. Learned State counsel has no objection to the aforesaid prayer.

9. Taking into consideration the period of actual custody already undergone by the petitioner, the prosecution evidence having been concluded on 16.01.2025 and that even the statement under Section 313 Cr.P.C. being recorded, the present petition is accordingly disposed of as not pressed at this stage, with a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial within a period of 03 months from the next date fixed before it.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

24.02.2026

Mangal Singh

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