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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-39523-2025

Baljinder Singh alias Happy

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CRM-M-58799-2025

Bhupinder Singh @ Bhinda

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CRM-M-1314-2026

Avtar Singh Sandhu

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

Decided on: 19.02.2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Navdeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner (in CRM-M-39523-2025)

Mr. Ruhani Chadha, Advocate
for the petitioner (in CRM-M-58799-2025 and CRM-M-1314-2026)

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. By way of this common order, all the above-mentioned petitions are



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being decided together as they arise out of the same FIR and common allegations.

2. CRM-M-39523-2025 arises out of **FIR No. 116 dated 25.07.2024**, registered at Police Station Cantt. Jalandhar, District Jalandhar, under Section 18 and 29 (added later on) of NDPS Act, CRM-M-58799-2025 arises out of **FIR No. 116 dated 25.07.2024**, registered at Police Station Cantt. Jalandhar, District Jalandhar, under Section 29 and 27-A of NDPS Act and CRM-M-1314-2026 arises out of **FIR No. 116 dated 25.07.2024**, registered at Police Station Cantt. Jalandhar, District Jalandhar, under Section 18 of NDPS Act (Sections 29 and 27-A of NDPS Act added lateron).

3. As per case of the prosecution, initially on receipt of secret information against one accused Captain Singh that, today he can be apprehended having possession of which he is coming in a vehicle bearing No. DL10-CH-4277 from Phagwara side, information being reliable was sent to the Police Station for registration of FIR. Same day during investigation, the vehicle bearing No. DL10-CH-4277, Ford EcoSport driven by Captain Singh was intercepted and on making search of the car, Opium weighing 3.500 Kg was recovered through separate recovery memo.

As per exhaustive and common status report dated 17.02.2026 today filed in the Court, in the case of Avtar Singh Sandhu (petitioner in CRM-M-1314-2026) is taken on record. It has been detailed that on 29.07.2024, accused Captain Singh made a disclosure statement, wherein he stated that he used to procure the recovered opium from accused Avtar Singh Sandhu and after procuring the opium from him, it was supplied to other accused also namely Maan Singh, Amit Kumar, and Bhupinder Singh @ Bhinda.

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It is thereupon by entering a DDR No. 12 dated 29.07.2024, offence under Section 29 of the NDPS Act was added and on 14.01.2025, Section 27-A of NDPS Act was also added.

4. During investigation, accused Mann Singh was arrested on 20.08.2024, and on his disclosure statement 07 Kg of opium alongwith an amount of drug money i.e. Rs. 4 lacs and one vehicle was recovered from his possession. Accused-Maan Singh also got recorded his disclosure statement naming the other accused, to whom he used to supply opium. Accused-Bhupinder Singh @ Bhinda was arrested on 28.09.2024 and on his disclosure statement, recovery of 500 grams of Opium was effected. Since accused Avtar Singh Sandhu (petitioner in CRM-M-1314-2026) could not be arrested at initial stage, on his arrest, subsequently supplementary challan under Section 193(1)(8) of BNSS was presented qua him on 03.11.2025.

In status report, except of disclosure statement of the accused persons, and in pursuance thereto, only from accused-Maan Singh, recovery of 07 Kg of opium alongwith the cash amount of Rs. 04 lacs and one vehicle and from accused Bhupinder Singh @ Bhinda, recovery of 500 grams of Opium was shown, however, nothing was recovered from the accused persons namely Avtar Singh Sandhu and Amit Kumar.

5. Petitioner(s) counsel jointly inform that there was one more accused Baljinder Singh @ Happy (petitioner in CRM-M-39523-2025), who was also challaned at first instance, however, nothing was recovered from his possession.

6. I have considered the submissions addressed by learned counsel for the parties and have also noticed the custody certificates of all the accused.

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7. Whether there is any other connected evidence against the accused persons, same would be led by the prosecution during the course of investigation though nothing such has been mentioned in the status report. As far as plea of Bhupinder Singh @ Bhinda is concerned, he is already inside jail for the last 01 year, 04 months and 18 days, and is involved in one case, however, counsel clarified that infact he was involved in the said case when petitioner was already inside jail. Moreover, from him the quantity recovered of Opium is 500 grams, which is non-commercial in nature. Baljinder Singh @ Happy (petitioner in CRM-M-39523-2025) has also undergone the custody period of more than 01 year, 05 months 23 days and Avtar Singh Sandhu has also undergone the custody period of more than 05 months 06 days.

8. Thus, this Court is of the view that in the circumstances as explained hereinabove, the present petitions are allowed. Petitioners namely, (i) Baljinder Singh @ Happy (in CRM-M-39523-2025) (ii) Bhupinder Singh @ Bhinda, (in CRM-M-58799-2025) and (iii) Avtar Singh Sandhu (in CRM-M-1314-2026) are ordered to be released on bail, subject to their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

9. Needless to observe that the petitioner(s) shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.

10. Any of the discussion done and recorded here above, shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case. Therefore, trial Court is expected to decide the case by taking an independent view, on the basis of



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evidence available on record, as expeditiously as possible, in accordance with law.

- 11. All the petitions stand disposed of.
- 12. A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.

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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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