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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on : 19.03.2026

Ramesh @ Meshu @ Harmesh Singh
... Petitioner(s)
Versus
State of Punjab
... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : Mr. Raghav Soni, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG Punjab

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 439 Cr.P.C.), for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, during the pendency of trial, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Ramesh @ Meshu @ Harmesh Singh, aged 39 years	74	07.05.2024	21, 21-C, 29, 61, 85 of NDPS Act, 1985	Special Task Force (STF)	SAS Nagar (Mohali)

2. On the basis of secret information, FIR was registered against accused (i) Jagtar Singh @ Kikkar and (ii) **Ramesh @ Meshu @ Harmesh Singh (petitioner herein)**. When the accused Jagtar Singh @ Kikkar was joined in the investigation, on interrogation he disclosed that “a few days ago, while working in



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the fields, I had found one packet of Heroin which was lying in the fields and due to weed, I kept the Heroin in my house and did not inform the police. After keeping Heroin in my house for a few days, in order to sell the packet of Heroin, I gave it to my known known person Ramesh @ Meshu s/o Yusaf resident of near Chandi Palace, Nag Kalan, Majitha Road, Amritsar.”

Thereupon, petitioner-Ramesh @ Meshu @ Harmesh Singh was joined in the investigation and on the basis of disclosure statement given by him, 500 grams of Heroin was recovered from his house.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that a false recovery has been planted against the petitioner, whereas in actual no such contraband as shown in the present case was ever recovered from his house at his instance or from his house. Petitioner is aged 39 years and was never found indulged in any other similar activity. He further submits that out of total 19 prosecution witnesses, only 01 has been examined till date and one more witnesses has been given up.

One of the co-accused – Jagtar Singh @ Kikkar, at whose instance petitioner has been involved in the present case has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 28.08.2025 passed in CRM-M-44651-2025.

4. Learned State counsel, opposes the prayer and submissions advanced by learned counsel for the petitioner, however, he does not deny the fact that the petitioner is inside jail for the last period of 01 year, 10 months and 10 days.

5. This Court has heard the submissions addressed by learned counsel for the parties and has carefully perused the record available before it.

6. It is noticed that petitioner is aged 39 years and has no prior criminal antecedents. Custody certificate produced in the Court also confirms the fact the petitioner has faced incarceration for a period of 01 year, 10 months and 10 days.

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In the totality of circumstances and the fact that the trial is not running at its required pace and there being no prior criminal antecedents, petitioner requires to be afforded one opportunity to rehabilitate himself in the society.

Consequently, prayer made in the present petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his 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.

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

8. The observation made here-in-above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case and the Trial Court is expected to decide the case on the basis of complete evidence available on record.

9. It is further made clear that if, in future, petitioner is directly found indulged in similar kind of activities, this order shall be deemed to be cancelled.

10. Petition stands disposed of.

Pending misc. application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

March 19, 2026*reena*

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

**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**