

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

2025:PHHC:179720



(212)

CRM-M-50066-2025
Date of Decision: 20.01.2026

Nishan Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

--Respondent

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

Present:- Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ritu Raj Singh, DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.J (Oral)

1. The instant second petition is for seeking concession of regular bail under Section 483, BNSS, 2023 in case bearing FIR No.20 dated 26.03.2019 under Sections 22, 29 of NDPS Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Chohla Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the FIR in question was registered in the year 2019, where after the petitioner was granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 24.02.2020 passed in CRM-M-34554-2019. It is submitted that on completion of investigation the charge sheet was filed on 28.04.2022. The petitioner continued to appear before the Court till 05.07.2024, however, he absented from the proceedings on the said date. He was eventually declared as a Proclaimed Offender on 09.04.2025. The petitioner was arrested on 12.05.2025 and since then he is in custody for the last more than seven months. It is submitted that the trial has not yet commenced and no witness has been examined so far. Even at the relevant point of time, no prosecution

witness had ever been summoned for deposition before the court.

3. Learned State counsel does not dispute the aforesaid facts, however, he contends that the petitioner is also involved in another case.

4. I have heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties.

5. In view of the facts noticed herein above and taking into consideration the fact that the petitioner was earlier granted concession of regular bail vide order dated 24.02.2020 passed by this Court in CRM-M-34554-2019 and that on account of his absence from the proceedings, he has remained in custody for a further period of more than seven months, I deem it appropriate to allow the instant petition.

6. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing of requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

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

8. 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.

20.01.2026

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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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