



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

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CRM-M-56623-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 16.03.2026

Rajinder Singh @ Mappa

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. P.S. Sekhon, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Parshant, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Dr. (Ms.) Savi Nagpal, AAG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. This second petition has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner(s) in case bearing FIR No.16 dated 15.01.2025, registered under Section(s) 21 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Special Task Force (Mohali), District SAS Nagar having jurisdiction at District Sangrur. The earlier bail petition i.e. CRM-M-33165-2025 was dismissed by this Court by passing a detailed order dated 18.09.2025.

2. In paragraph No. 24 of the order dated 18.09.2025, this Court recorded as under:-

“Regarding the delay in the trial, if the trial does not conclude within one year and six months of the petitioner's custody, and the delay is not attributable to the petitioner, the petitioner may apply for bail before the trial Court. The Court

shall not be influenced by the dismissal of bail on merits or by criminal history and shall decide it on changed circumstances and the prolonged trial.”.

3. It is apparent from a perusal of the above that liberty was granted to the petitioner for filing a successive bail application/petition before the trial Court, only in the event, the trial did not conclude within a period of 1 ½ year of the custody of the petitioner and where the delay was not attributable to him.

4. Undisputedly, the petitioner was taken in custody on 16.04.2025. He has thus not even undergone custody of one year in the present case.

5. Taking into consideration the specific order passed by this Court on 18.09.2025, I am of the opinion that the present petition is liable to be dismissed as certain limitations have been imposed against entertaining the second bail petition to be filed by the petitioner. The said directions/observations contained in the order dated 18.09.2025 have not been challenged or modified by any competent Court.

6. The present petition is accordingly ***dismissed***.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

16.03.2026

Mangal Singh

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