



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

113

CRM-M-59096-2025
Date of decision: 20.03.2026

BALKARAN SINGH ALIAS PAPNIPetitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

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

Present: - Mr. Chahit Bansal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Senior DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 34 dated 02.05.2025, registered under Section(s) 21, 25 and 27 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Joga, District Mansa.

2. Briefly, the facts of the present case are that on 30.04.2025, co-accused Hardeep Singh @ Deep and Manpreet Singh @ Money were apprehended by the Police while travelling in a car bearing Registration No. HR-12Z-4290 from whose conscious possession 350 grams of heroin was recovered. The petitioner was neither travelling in the Car nor any recovery

had been effected from him. In fact, the Car used by the co-accused, who is the cousin of the petitioner herein, is stated to be registered in the name of petitioner's wife. A disclosure statement was eventually recorded wherein the petitioner was nominated. It is further contended that pursuant to the said disclosure, the petitioner was arrested on 04.07.2025 but no recovery of any nature whatsoever has been effected from the petitioner herein. s

3. Learned Counsel contends that the petitioner is alleged to be the supplier, however in the absence of any recovery, he cannot be linked to the commission of offence merely on the statement of co-accused who are related to the petitioner and had borrowed the car. He further contends that the petitioner has undergone an actual custody of more than 07 months but evidence is yet to be commenced. There are 27 prosecution witnesses to be examined, hence, conclusion of trial shall take long.

4. Learned State Counsel does not dispute the above facts.

5. Having heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties and taking into consideration the nature of allegations against the petitioner and petitioner being nominated on the disclosure statement of co-accused from whom recovery had been effected as well as the stage of trial where evidence is yet to commence and considering the period of actual custody undergone by the petitioner herein, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

6. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing 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.

MARCH 20, 2026
Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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