



**CRM-M-59269-2025 and
CRM-M-72223-2025 1
IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Amrit Singh @ Amrit Singh LasherPetitioner

Versus

**Union of India through Narcotic Control Bureau, Chandigarh
...Respondent
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BobbyPetitioner

Versus

**Union of India through Narcotic Control Bureau, Chandigarh
...Respondent
Decided on: 29.01.2026**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

**Present: Mr. Sarthak Jindal, Advocate
for the petitioner (in CRM-M-59269-2025)**

**Mr. Mitul Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner (in CRM-M-72223-2025).**

**Mr. Sourabh Goel. Sr. Panel Counsel for NCB
(in CRM-M-59269-2025)**

**Mr. Rajiv Sharma, Sr. Panel Counsel for NCB and
Mr. Vinayak Attri, Advocate
(in CRM-M-72223-2025).**

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.(Oral)

**1. By way of this common order, present petitions are being
disposed of together, as they arise out of one common FIR.**

**2. Present petitions have been filed under Section 483 of the
BNSS seeking regular bail in a case bearing Crime No. 18 dated
23.08.2025, registered under Sections 8, 18, 23, and 29 of the NDPS Act
at Police Station Narcotic Crime Bureau, Chandigarh.**

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3. Case of the prosecution is that petitioner Bobby (in CRM-M-72223-2025) initially purchased certain utensils from a shop and thereafter concealed 0.455 kg of opium inside them. He allegedly attempted to send the parcel through a courier service bearing AWB No. 2115324046 of DHL Express Limited, GT Road, Dhandari Road, Khurd, Ludhiana. The said parcel was meant to be delivered to one Danish Banger, stated to be residing in the United Kingdom and using mobile No. +44 7438 689988. The address furnished at the time of booking the parcel was: Danish Banger, R/o 3, Leicester Street, Wolverhampton, WV6 OPC, Wolverhampton, United Kingdom.

Upon receipt of information, the officers of the NCB recovered the parcel before its delivery, and on conducting a search, the contraband, i.e., opium weighing 0.455 kg, was recovered. Thereafter, petitioner Bobby was contacted, who disclosed that he was running this business jointly with one Amrit Singh @ Amrit Singh Lasher (petitioner in CRM-M-59269-2025), whereupon the said accused was also arrested. During the course of investigation, it was further found that an amount of ₹20,000/- had been credited to the bank account of petitioner Amrit Singh @ Amrit Singh Lasher.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that the recovered quantity from the courier parcel is non-commercial in nature; therefore, even in the eventuality of conviction, the maximum awardable sentence would be less than ten years, which is applicable only in the rarest of rare cases.



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Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that none of the petitioners has ever been found involved in any other NDPS case or in similar activities. Nothing further is to be recovered from their possession, and it appears that after completion of the investigation, the complaint has already been filed by the NCB. Even charges have been framed on 06.11.2025. There are a total of 14 prosecution witnesses, and the process of recording of evidence is yet to commence. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioners have been in judicial custody since 25.08.2025, i.e., for a period of approximately five months and four days.

5. Learned Senior counsel for the Narcotics Control Bureau opposes the bail petitions, submitting that the petitioners are involved in a serious offence under the NDPS Act involving attempted international trafficking of opium through a courier service. The contraband was deliberately concealed, reflecting conscious possession and a well-planned modus operandi. The offence has serious societal ramifications, and the investigation has revealed the involvement of more than one accused as well as a financial link. The trial is at a nascent stage, and there is a reasonable apprehension that the petitioners may tamper with evidence or influence witnesses, if released on bail. In view of the gravity of the offence and the prima facie material on record, the petitioners do not deserve the concession of bail.

6. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the paper-books as well as the status report appended thereto.



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7. The facts of the case have been considered in light of the pleadings contained in both the petitions as well as the status reports filed by the respondent. Taking into account the overall circumstances of the case, including the nature of the allegations, quantity involved, stage of the trial, and period of custody already undergone by the petitioners, this Court finds merit in the prayer of the petitioners.

Consequently, present petitions are allowed. Petitioners are ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, provided they are not required in connection with any other case.

8. Any discussion recorded herein shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case. The learned trial Court is expected to decide the matter independently, based on the evidence available on record, and expeditiously in accordance with law.

9. In the above terms, the present petitions stand disposed of.

10. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of another connected case.

**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

January 29, 2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**