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

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Date of decision: 16.03.2026

Sukhwant Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Himanshu Bansal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in these petitions filed under Section 483 BNSS is for grant of regular bail to the petitioners in case FIR No.212 dated 27.08.2025, registered under Sections 21(c), 27 and 29 of NDPS Act at Police Station Canal Colony, District Bathinda.
2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been in custody for 6 months and 13 days. His name surfaced based on the disclosure statement of co-accused Rahul, from whom 505 grams of heroin. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner. There is no evidence to connect him with the aforesaid co-accused. Charges have been framed on 27.02.2026, however out of 22 PWs, none has been examined. There is no case pending against the petitioner.
3. The custody certificate dated 14.03.2026, filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record. As per the same, the petitioner is behind the bars for 06 months and 13 days.



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4. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that the petitioner has been specifically named by his co-accused Rahul, from whom commercial quantity of contraband recovered which was to be supplied to him. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to stage of the trial and the petitioner not being involved in any other case.

5. Heard.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for 6 months and 13 days; not involved in any other case; charges have been framed on 27.02.2026; in all 22 prosecution witnesses, but none has been examined as of now, the trial is likely to take a considerable time, further incarceration of the petitioners would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, these petitions are allowed.

7. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.



- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile numbers by way of his affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he sees to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

8. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

9. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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Whether reportable	:	Yes / No