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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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SahilPetitioner
Versus

State of Punjab
110-2Respondent
CRM-M-63972-2025

Pankaj Chaudhary @ Virat @ Chaudhary Pankaj Kumar
.....Petitioner
Versus

State of Punjab
110-3Respondent
CRM-M-68206-2025

ShahidPetitioner
Versus
State of Punjab
110-4Respondent
CRM-M-31114-2025

ShubhamPetitioner
Versus
State of Punjab
267Respondent
CRM-M-25143-2026

WasimPetitioner
Versus
State of Punjab
.....Respondent

Decided on: 11.05.2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Davneet Sangwan, Advocate for the petitioner
(in CRM-M-61569-2025).

Mr. L.M. Gulati, Advocate for the petitioner
(in CRM-M-63972-2025).



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Mr. Farukh Abdullah, Advocate for the petitioner
(in CRM-M-68206-2025).

Mr. S.K. Bawa, Advocate for the petitioner
(in CRM-M-31114-2025).

Mr. Yashpal Tahkur, Advocate for the petitioner
(in CRM-M-25143-2026).

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. This common order shall decide the fate of five petitions, seeking grant of regular bail, as the same have arisen out of same FIR, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner	Case No.	Crime Details
Sahil	CRM-M-61569-2025	FIR No.008 dated 27.01.2025, under Sections 22(c), 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Badali Ala Singh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.
Pankaj Chaudhary @ Virat @ Chaudhary Pankaj Kumar	CRM-M-63972-2025	As above
Shahid	CRM-M-68206-2025	As above
Wasim	CRM-M-25143-2026	As above
Shubham	CRM-M-31114-2025	As above. Additionally, in the head-note & prayer clause of this petition it is mentioned that “Section 21-C and Section 29 of the act was added later on”)

2. As per version of the FIR, while the police party was on patrolling duty, a Sikh youth was noticed riding a motorcycle bearing



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registration No. PB-65AP-6770. He was carrying a bag around his neck. On inquiry, he disclosed his name as Pawinder Singh @ Binda. Upon search of the said bag, he was found in possession of 14 injections of Buprenorphine IP (02 ml each) and 14 bottles of Pheniramine Avil (10 ml each).

He was accordingly arrested. During interrogation, and on the basis of his disclosure statement, another accused, namely, Chanderparkash Prajapati @ Sahil was apprehended. Thereafter, on further investigation, a huge quantity of intoxicating tablets was recovered from the accused persons.

In Para No. 7 of the comprehensive status report, dated 09.05.2026, filed by the respondent – State of Punjab, details of the recovery effected from accused person(s) has been given, and the same is tabulated as under:

Sr. No.	Name of accused	Date of arrest	Description of recovered article/ contraband	Quantity/ Description
1.	Parwinder Singh @ Bhinda	27.01.2025	Buprenorphine Injection IP 2 ML	14 injections (commercial quantity, but wrongly mentioned as Non-commercial in the Status report)
2.	Sahil (in CRM-M-61569 of 2025)	29.01.2025	Lomotil Tablets (Diphenoxylate); Alprazolam tablets IP 0.5 MG	18,000 + 4,260 + 28,200 = 50,460 tablets (commercial quantity)



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3.	Pankaj Chaudhary @ Virat (in CRM-M-63972-2025	31.01.2025	Leeagesic Buprenorphine Inj.; Alprazolam tablets; Tramadol based capsules (winspasmoforte/Spasmo Proxyvon Plus/Proxywel Spas)	Buprenorphine: 675 inj; Alprazolam: 37,200 tabs; (Commercial quantity) Tramadol-based capsules; 2592 + (1,008 + 288) + 864 = 4752 capsules (Commercial quantity)
4.	Shubham (in CRM-M-31114-2025)	31.01.2025	He is the tenant of the shop from which the recovery of Leeageic Buprenorphine Injec.; Alprazolam tablets; Tramadol-based caspules (Winspasmoforte/Spasmo Proxyvon Plus/Proxywel Spas, was effected	Joint recovery as accused No. 3 (NDPS commercial quantity)
5.	Parwinder Singh @ Binda (additional recovery on disclosure)	02.02.2025 (recovery date)	Leeagesic Buprenorphine Inj.; Alprazolam tablets	350 inj.+ 10,100 tabs = 10,450 (commercial quantity)
6.	Shahid (in CRM-M-68206 of 2025)	04.02.2025	Buprenorphine Injections (Penzin, Mafent, Leeagesic)	Penzin- 16,000 + Mafent-1600 + Leeagesic-625 = 18,225 injections (commercial quantity)
			Tramadol-based injections/capsules /tablets (Tramagge,	600 + 15000 + 1584 + 7200 + 7400 + 750 +



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			Tramacop-50, Spasmo Proxyvon Plus,Proxiohm Spas, Dolfo-P, Tajus Ultra, Tarkem- 100)	60000 = 92534 units (commercial quantity)
			Lorazepam tablets	2400 tablets (commercial quantity)
			Diphenoxylate (Lomotil tablets)	60,000 tablets (Commercial quantity)
7.	Wasim (in CRM- M-25143-2026)	04.02.2025	NDPS substances, same as recovered from accused No.6 - Shahid, were recovered from rented premises at Meerut	Joint recovery (commercial quantity)
8.	Sisia Vajid @ Abdul Rajik	04.04.2025	No recovery	No recovery

During the course of hearing, learned State counsel pointed out and clarified that in paragraph No. 7 of the status report, at Serial No. 1, the recovered quantity had inadvertently been mentioned as “non-commercial quantity”, whereas the recovery of 14 injections was, in fact, liable to be treated as “commercial quantity”.

Learned State counsel further submitted that, keeping in view the huge quantity of contraband recovered from all the accused persons, the present bail petitions deserve outright dismissal.

3. It is noticed that during the course of arguments, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners, namely Shahid (in CRM-M-68206-2025) and Wasim (in CRM-M-25143-2026), after having

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addressed arguments at considerable length, made a prayer for withdrawal of the aforesaid petitions.

4. This Court has considered the rival submissions advanced by learned counsel for the parties and has gone through the material available on record.

5. In the present case, petitioner-Pawinder Singh @ Pinda, who is in custody since 27.01.2025, was found in possession of Buprenorphine injections, quantity whereof marginally exceeds the threshold prescribed for non-commercial quantity. Furthermore, his nexus with co-accused-Sahil, from whom approximately 50,460 intoxicating tablets were recovered, coupled with further recoveries effected from other co-accused persons, prima facie indicates the involvement of the accused persons in a well-organized illegal trade of contraband substances.

6. At this stage, this Court is prima facie satisfied that the investigating agency has conducted the investigation in a proper and effective manner. Considering the magnitude of the recoveries effected from the accused persons and statutory embargo contained under Section 37 of the NDPS Act, this Court does not find it to be a fit case for grant of regular bail to any of the petitioners at this stage.

Grant of bail in such circumstances may not only adversely affect the ongoing trial but may also discourage fair and diligent investigation in serious offences involving narcotic substances.

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7. Consequently, prayer for grant of bail made by all the petitioners is declined. Prayer made on behalf of petitioners Shahid and Wasim for withdrawal of their respective petitions is also declined.

8. Before parting with the order, this Court deems it appropriate to observe that in cases arising under the NDPS Act, trials are often delayed on account of non-appearance of official witnesses, which subsequently becomes a ground for seeking bail on the basis of prolonged incarceration and delay in conclusion of trial. Such a situation deserves to be curbed.

9. Accordingly, Department of Home Affairs and Justice, Government of Punjab, as well as the Director General of Police, Punjab, are directed to issue necessary instructions to the concerned officials, who are ordinarily the material witnesses in such cases, to ensure their timely appearance before the Trial Court.

Any official found adopting a lax, negligent, or casual approach in attending Court proceedings shall be liable to face departmental inquiry and/or appropriate minor punishment at the initial stage itself.

10. Trial Court concerned is also directed to expedite the trial proceedings and make earnest efforts to conclude the same at the earliest, without granting unnecessary adjournments. In the event of unwarranted delay attributable to the Trial Court, this Court may be constrained to take a serious view of the matter.

11. It is, however, clarified that nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case,



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and the Trial Court shall proceed independently, strictly on the basis of the evidence adduced before it.

12. Let a copy of this order be forwarded to the learned trial Court concerned, Department of Home Affairs and Justice, Government of Punjab, Director General of Police, Punjab, and Department of Prosecution, Government of Punjab for necessary information and compliance.

13. A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

May 11, 2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**