

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2026 PHHC 042220



Date of decision: 18.03.2026.

(1)

CRM-M-64162-2025 (O&M).

AASHISH KUMAR @ ASHISH KUMAR @ KALU

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

(2)

CRM-M-423-2026 (O&M).

JASHANDEEP SINGH @ BANDO

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Vikas Gupta, Advocate, and
Mr. Raghav Soni, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CRM-M-64162-2025.

Mr. Kulwinder Singh Dhillon, Advocate,
(Through Video Conference)
for the petitioner in CRM-M-423-2026.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Both the above mentioned petitions have been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of regular bail to the petitioner(s) herein in case bearing FIR No.76 dated 01.05.2025, under Section(s) 61(2), 29 and 181 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Lopoke, District Amritsar.

The aforesaid FIR was registered on the basis of secret information received by the police to the effect that Aashish Kumar @ Kalu (petitioner herein), Vishal, Karandeep Singh @ UP, Kashmir Singh @ Sunny, Arshdeep Singh and Jashanpreet Singh @ Bando (petitioner herein) are present near the newly constructed bridge at Boparai and have illegal arms and ammunition in their possession and are planning to commit some heinous offence and if a raid is conducted, they can be apprehended with the illegal arms and also vehicles without valid number plates. Accordingly, a naka was set up and three young persons coming on a motorcycle were intercepted. From the possession of Karandeep Singh, 60 fake currency notes totalling Rs.30,000/- and one motorcycle without valid number plate was recovered and taken into police possession; from the possession of Ashish Kumar (petitioner in CRM-M-423-2026) one .32 bore pistol alongwith magazine and 11 live rounds and fake currency notes of Rs.50,000/- were recovered; from the possession of Kashmir Singh fake currency notes of Rs.20,000/- were recovered; from the possession of Jashandeep Singh (petitioner in CRM-M-64162-2025) one pistol .32 bore, 10 live rounds and Rs.50,000/- in fake currency were recovered; from the possession of Arshdeep Singh Rs.20,000/-

in fake currency notes, 2 pistols and 21 cartridges were recovered and from Vishal Singh Rs.30,000/- in fake currency notes were recovered.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner(s) contend that the petitioner(s) along with their co-accused had been apprehended with counterfeit currency notes and 4 pistols along with live cartridges. It is contended that there were total six persons who were nominated as accused in the present case and counterfeit currency notes had also been recovered from co-accused Karandeep Singh @UP, Arshdeep Singh @ Arsh and Vishal. It is submitted that the said co-accused have been granted the concession of regular bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court i.e. Vishal and Karandeep Singh @ UP vide order dated 29.10.2025 passed in CRM-M-49237-2025 and CRM-M-56654-2025 and Arshdeep Singh @ Arsh vide order dated 11.02.2026 passed in CRM-M-62203-2025. They contend that the only difference between case of the petitioner(s) and that of the aforesaid co-accused is that while only counterfeit currency notes had been recovered from the said co-accused, pistols and live cartridges along with counterfeit currency notes had been recovered from the petitioners herein. It is also contended that the petitioners have undergone an actual custody of around 10 months which is more as compared to the aforesaid co-accused and charges have not been framed yet and thus the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude.

State counsel, on the other hand, does not dispute the facts noticed above.

I have heard the learned counsel appearing for the respective parties and have gone through the documents appended along with the present petition and have considered their respective contentions.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the present case and taking into consideration the period of custody undergone by the petitioner(s), the stage of the trial as well as the fact that three co-accused have already been granted the concession of regular bail, the present petitions are allowed. The petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

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.

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.

A photocopy of the order be placed on the connected file(s).

March 18, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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