



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-66060-2025 (O&M)

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Full Judgment

INDERJIT SINGH

...PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

... RESPONDENT

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY**

Present:- Mr.Gurminder Singh, Senior Advocate (arguing counsel), with
Mr. K.S. Kharbanda, Advocate, and
Mr. Puneet Bali, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajitpal Singh Mander, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J.

1. The petitioner has preferred the third instant petition under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 praying for grant of Regular Bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.1 dated 12.06.2017 (Annexure P-1) registered at Police Station: Special Task Force, Phase-IV, Mohali, District SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab, under Section 59(2) (b) of NDPS Act, read with Sections 218, 466, 471, 120-B, IPC (Section 21, 22 of NDPS Act and Section 384, 409, 482 IPC and Section 25 of Arms Act added later on).

2. It is apt to mention here that earlier bail application i.e BA-965 of 2020 preferred before Special Court, SAS Nagar (Mohali) had been dismissed



vide order dated 23.06.2020 (Annexure P-13). Then petitioner filed bail application CRM-M-19751-2020 before this Court and vide order dated 07.08.2020 the same was dismissed (Annexure P-14). Thereafter petitioner filed second bail application CRM-M-14720-2021 but the same was dismissed vide order dated 17.02.2023 (Annexure P-15). Petitioner challenged the same before Hon'ble Supreme Court vide SLP (Criminal) Diary No. 32299-2023 which eventually was dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 18.10.2023 (Annexure P-16). After some time petitioner again filed bail application BA-3824-2024 before the Special Court, SAS Nagar (Mohali) and vide order dated 11.12.2024 (Annexure P-17) the same was again dismissed.

3. Learned Senior counsel representing the petitioner had *inter alia* contended that the petitioner who was serving as Inspector in Punjab Police and had been a part of various operations leading arrest of drug traffickers, got commendation and appreciation certificates, besides gallantry award as well. He submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the instant case and the alleged recovery has been planted just to ruin the career of the petitioner. The allegations levelled in the FIR are baseless and fictitious. It is contended that co-accused of the petitioner namely Ajaib Singh and Sahib Singh had already been granted concession of regular bail. He submits that the petitioner is in custody since 12.06.2017 and the conclusion of trial will take sufficient time. He further pointed out that even the witnesses examined by the prosecution are discrepant and the prosecution will not be able to substantiate its case against the petitioner in any manner. He submits that petitioner is lingering in custody for last more than 8 years, as such, the prayer for grant of bail has been made.

4. *Per Contra*, learned State counsel has strongly assailed these arguments by submitting that no doubt the petitioner had been the part of the



police party in many operations but the fact remains that the petitioner is involved in drug trafficking and has been instrumental in the acquittal of the accused wherein huge recovery of narcotics had been effected being the Investigation Officer thereof. He contends that huge quantity of arms and ammunition besides 4 kg of heroin and 3 kg smack, vehicles with fictitious numbers have been recovered from the petitioner along with Indian as well as foreign currency notes, which speaks volumes of his involvement in the crime. He submits that the prosecution has examined all the witnesses cited by the prosecution and the case is fixed for recording the statement of the accused. He submits that the nature and gravity of the offence did not make any case for grant of bail in favour of the petitioner and as such prayed for dismissal of the bail petition.

5. We have considered the respective arguments and also gone through the record.

6. Briefly stating the facts of the case, the petitioner while being the incharge CIA staff Tarn Taran had investigated 3 FIR's wherein the cases involved heavy recovery of narcotics. The accused were acquitted on account of discrepancies in performing duties and not giving proper evidence in Court by the petitioner. After inquiry in the matter, FIR was registered against the petitioner and Jaswant Singh DSP. During course of investigation, petitioner was arrested on 12.06.2017 and on raid being conducted at his quarter, 41 live cartridges of 12 bore, 43 live cartridges of 315 bore, 60 live cartridges of 32 bore, 66 live cartridges of 9mm, 115 live cartridges of AK-47, 25 live cartridges of 7.62 mm, 33 live cartridges of 30 bore, 2 magazines of AK-47, 2 magazine of 32 bore, 2 magazine of 9mm, 1 magazine of 22 bore, 1 revolver 38 bore, 1



pistol 9mm, 1 rifle AK-47 along with 1 magazine, 4 mobile phones besides one Innova car, ₹16,50,000/- and 3550 pounds (UK Currency) were recovered.

6.1 During interrogation, he disclosed having given one 32 bore revolver along with some cartridges to ASI Ajaib Singh and further disclosed having kept some smack and heroin in a rented room in Ludhiana. When the police party raided at Ludhiana, the petitioner disclosed that he had given such statement just to mislead the police party and further gave disclosure statement that he had kept smack and heron in quarter No.3 Police Station Sadar Phagwara which only he knows and can get the same recovered, thereafter he lead the police party to the disclosed place and got recovered 4 kg of heroin and 3 kg of smack.

6.2 In the meanwhile, the police party also got recovered from ASI Ajaib Singh .32 bore revolver, 28 live cartridges of 32 bore along with 43 live cartridges of other bores and some psychotropic capsules and injections.

6.3 Subsequently, on the basis of another disclosure statement made by the petitioner led to recovery of 1 more AK-47 2 magazines and 30 rounds from a house in Amritsar along with 1 scorpio car bearing fake registration number.

6.4 During course of investigation, it was found that the petitioner by threatening accused Gurjit Singh from whom narcotics was recovered, had got transferred the property in the name of one of his associate. It has also came in the statement of Kuljit Kaur wife of Gurjit Singh that although amount of ₹60,00,000/- was recovered by police from their house but the recovery shown was of only ₹36,00,000/- in the FIR and ₹24,00,000/- had been misappropriated. She further claimed to have given ₹35,00,000/- to the



petitioner for the bail of her husband and another ₹28,00,000/- was given by her father-in-law to the petitioner through Sahib Singh.

6.5 After completion of investigation, challan has been presented in the Court, wherein the charges were framed and the prosecution have cited 59 witnesses and prosecution had examined and closed its evidence, now the case is fixed for the statement of the accused.

7. Custody certificate has been produced in the Court which reveals that the petitioner is having 3 more criminal cases registered against him apart from the present FIR along with one ECIR registered under PMLA.

8. Learned Senior counsel representing the petitioner has assailed the version of the prosecution by submitting that there are material discrepancies in the statements of the prosecution witnesses which are sufficient to establish the fact that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case. He further submits that the petitioner has no concern with the alleged recoveries and there has been tampering of evidences by the police but the fact remains that all these aspects are to be appreciated during course of trial by the learned trial Court.

9. As stated above, the prosecution has already concluded its evidence and the trial is now fixed for the statement of the accused. In other words the trial of the prosecution is nearing culmination and all the aspects raised by learned counsel for the petitioner could very well be appreciated and adjudicated by the learned trial Court.

10. The huge recovery of arms and ammunition, Indian as well as foreign currency notes coupled with heavy recovery of narcotics viz. 4 kg of heroin and 3 kg of smack from the conscious possession of the petitioner speak volume against the petitioner qua his active involvement in such illegal



more criminal cases along with 1 ECIR registered under PMLA is pending against the petitioner, disentitle him from claiming parity with co-accused Ajaib Singh and Sahib Singh. Therefore, considering the serious nature and gravity of offence coupled with the fact that trial against the petitioner is nearing culmination, we find no case being made out in favour of the petitioner for grant of bail.

- 11. Accordingly, in the light of the above discussion, the regular bail petition is hereby dismissed.
- 12. However, considering the progress of trial, we expect for expeditious conclusion of trial by the learned trial Court.
- 13. Any observations made above shall not effect the merit of the case.
- 14. Pending applications, if any, shall stands disposed of.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Dated: 19.02.2026
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| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |