



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

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CRM-M-68616-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 14.01.2026

Pardeep Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate for the petitioner

Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 BNSS is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.154 dated 10.07.2025, registered under Sections 22, 29 of NDPS Act & 223 BNS at Police Station City Phagwara, District Kapurthala.
2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been in custody for about 6 months. He alleges false implication. His name surfaced based on the disclosure statement of co-accused Vishal Sharma, from whom the alleged recovery of non-commercial quantity of contraband was effected and has been granted regular bail by this Court vide order of even date. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner. Challan was presented on 05.01.2026 and charges have been framed on 12.01.2026 and in all there are 17 prosecution witnesses. The petitioner is not involved in any other case.
3. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that there are specific allegations against the petitioner by his co-accused, from whom the



alleged contraband was recovered. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to stage, co-accused having been granted bail and the petitioner being not involved in any other case.

4. Heard.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the last 5 months and 29 days; not involved in any other case; co-accused is on bail; challan stands presented on 05.01.2026; charges were framed on 12.01.2026, however, prosecution evidence is yet to commence, the trial is likely to take a considerable time, further incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

6. 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 an 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 number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks 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.

7. 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.

8. 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

14.01.2026
M.Kamra

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