

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2026:PHHC:023790



CRM-M-69727-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 16.02.2026.

RAJAN SINGH @ TALLI

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Umesh Aggarwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

CRM-50074-25

Application is allowed as prayed for subject to all just exceptions.

Main case

The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.157 dated 29.09.2025, under Section(s) 21, 27-A, 61 and 85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,

1985, registered at Police Station Chattiwind, District Amritsar.

The aforesaid FIR was registered on the basis of statement of the Investigating Officer/ASI Jatinderpal Singh made to the effect that on 29.09.2025, at about 09/9:30:00 PM, near subway flyover, turn to Rampura, P.S. Chattiwind, District Amritsar Rural, accused Arshdeep Singh alias Kakko son of Dilbagh Singh and Rajan alias Talli son of Angrej Singh were apprehended while being in conscious possession of Heroin weighing 06 gram & 07 gram respectively and further, drug money of Rs.300/-each was recovered from the possession of both the accused persons, which they had earned by sale of Heroin and during the investigation, both the accused persons namely Arshdeep Singh alias Kakko son of Dilbagh Singh and Rajan alias Talli son of Angrej Singh suffered the disclosure statement to have purchased Heroin from Kachoo son of Lakha Singh r/o Manawala and thus, the said Kachoo was nominated as additional accused vide Rapat no. 12 dated 30.09.2025 under Section 29 of the NDPS Act and it further came out that all the accused persons named above were involved in illicit trafficking of Narcotics in the area.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that 07 grams of heroin is alleged to have been recovered from the possession of the petitioner which is a non-commercial quantity. He submits that the petitioner is in custody since 29.09.2025 and has already undergone an actual custody for a period of nearly 4½ months. He contends that investigation has yet not been completed, hence, the conclusion of trial shall take long.

State counsel, on the other hand, contends that the petitioner has criminal antecedents as he is involved in 04 other cases under the NDPS Act,

as mentioned by him in para No.08 of the petition. He, however, does not dispute that the said FIRs also involve non-commercial quantity of contraband. The stage of the investigation as well as period of custody of the petitioner is not disputed.

Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the fact that investigation in the case is yet to be completed and petitioner has already undergone an actual custody for a period of more than 4½ months in a case of alleged recovery of non-commercial quantity, I deem it appropriate to allow the present petition. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his 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.

February 16, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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