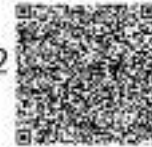


IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2026:PHHC:041372



CRM-M-69903-2025 (O&M).
Date of decision: 17.03.2026.

BALWINDER SINGH ALIAS GORA

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Sukhbir Maandi, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

This is the first petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, (Section 439 Cr.P.C.) for grant of regular
bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.59 dated 13.05.2025, under
Section(s) 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and 21, 61 and 85 of the
Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police
Station Sarhali, District Tarn Taran.

Status report already filed on behalf of the respondent-State is
taken on record.

The aforesaid FIR was registered on the statement of Sukhdev

Singh son of Tara Singh which reads thus: -

“I am resident of the above-mentioned address and do labour work. I have four children, out of which Sandeep Singh was the youngest, and his age was about 22 years. He had fallen into bad company and had started consuming drugs/intoxicants. On 09.05.2025 at around 10:00 AM, he returned home after some work, and after coming home, he asked his mother namely Karam Kaur for money to buy drugs/intoxicants. When his mother refused to give him money, he left the house. On the same day at around 05:00 PM, someone informed me that Sandeep Singh was lying unconscious near the old building of Hospital Dhotian near Dana Mandi. When I went there, I saw that Sandeep Singh had already passed away. Seeing the deteriorated condition of his dead body, we, with the advice of family members, did not get the post-mortem conducted and on 10.05.2025 at 12:00 PM, we performed the last rites of Sandeep Singh. Due to being in shock, I did not take any action against anyone that day. But now I have come to know that Sandeep Singh died due to a drug overdose given by some persons. Therefore, those persons who gave, sold, or consumed intoxicants/drugs along with my son Sandeep Singh that day should be traced and legal action should be taken against them.”

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. The petitioner has no concern with the allegations levelled in the present FIR and that nothing has been recovered from him. He submits that during the course of investigation the present petitioner was nominated on the disclosure statement of Lovepreet Singh from whom 05 grams of heroin was recovered. He submits that the petitioner is in custody since 07.06.2025 and has already undergone an actual custody of more than 09 months. He further submits that

Lovepreet Singh has already been granted the concession of regular bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 21.11.2025 passed in CRM-M-41246-2025.

State counsel, on the other hand, does not dispute the custody petitioner already undergone by the petitioner and that he was nominated on the disclosure statement of co-accused Lovepreet Singh who has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court.

Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the period of custody undergone by the petitioner, the stage of the trial and the fact that the co-accused of the petitioner namely Lovepreet Singh has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 21.11.2025 passed in CRM-M-41246-2025, thus extending the benefit of parity to the petitioner herein, 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.

March 17, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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