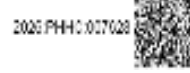


249 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH



CRM-M-72540-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 20.01.2026

SARAJ SINGH ... PETITIONER
VERSUS
STATE OF PUNJAB ... RESPONDENT

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Mr. S.S.Behl, Senior Advocate with
Mr. GVS Behl, Advocate and
Mr. K.S.Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Mavpreet Singh, D.A.G., Punjab.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in FIR No.02 dated 10.01.2025, under Sections 18/61/85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act registered at Police Station Talwandi Bhai, District Ferozepur, Punjab.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with his co-accused was travelling in a Creta car and from the said car, 23 Kg 177 gms of opium was recovered. The vehicle belonged to one Sucha Singh co-accused. From the present petitioner, recovery of 2 Kg 672 gms of opium was effected.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the quantity of contraband was weighed along with the wrapping sheet and the contraband recovered from the petitioner is marginally above the commercial quantity. The petitioner is not involved in any other case and he is in custody for more than 1 year.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Mavpreet Singh, D.A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of

the State and vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground of gravity of allegations. He has filed the custody certificate in Court, which is taken on record. As per the custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for more than 1 year. Out of 11 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far.

6. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

7. The contraband recovered from the petitioner is marginally above the commercial quantity. The petitioner is in custody for more than 1 year and is not involved in any other case. Out of 11 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far. The trial of the case is likely to take a long time and continuous detention of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court deems it fit to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner during the pendency of the trial.

8. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds, surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

9. It is clarified that if on bail so granted through the instant order the petitioner is found indulging in any other criminal case, it shall be open to the State to seek cancellation of his bail.

20.01.2026
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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE