



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

**CRM-M-23123-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 07.07.2025**

Simranjit Singh @ Simarjit Singh @ Simra

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

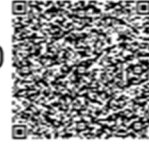
Present:- Mr. Talwinder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. T.P.S.Walia, AAG, Punjab for the respondent.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (*for short* 'BNS') for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.22 dated 01.03.2025 (P-1), under Section 18 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (*for short* 'NDPS') [Section 29 of the NDPS added later on], registered at Police Station Mehna, District Moga.

(2) Short reply by way of an affidavit dated 05.07.2025 of Sh. Ramandeep Singh, DSP, Dharamkot, District Moga on behalf of the respondent has been filed. The same is taken on record. Copy thereof



supplied to the opposite side. Registry to tag the affidavit at appropriate place.

(3) Allegations are that co-accused Jaspreet Singh @ Mota & Bobby @ Manna were found in possession of 250 grams of Opium (non-commercial quantity) without any license and petitioner has been nominated on the basis of disclosure(s), made by aforesaid co-accused.

(4) Learned Counsel contends that petitioner was granted interim protection by this Court, vide order dated 01.05.2025 and in pursuance thereof, he has already joined the investigation; hence, his custodial interrogation is not required.

(5) The above factual position is not disputed by learned State Counsel, on instructions from the police official concerned.

(6) Heard learned Counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

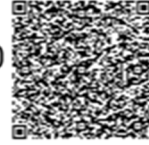
(7) It transpires that petitioner was granted interim protection by this Court, vide order dated 01.05.2025 and the same reads as under:-

“Contends, inter alia, that alleged contraband i.e. 250 grams opium (non-commercial quantity) was recovered from co-accused, namely, Jaspreet Singh @ Mota and Bobby @ Manna and petitioner has been nominated on the disclosure of aforesaid co-accused.

Notice of motion.

Mr. T.P.S. Walia, learned AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent; seeks time to have instructions and/or to file written response in the matter.

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In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer; but he be not arrested till the next date of hearing.”

(8) It is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

(9) In view of the above, there is no justification to deny the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Consequently, present petition is allowed; interim order dated 01.05.2025 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of the BNSS.

(10) It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

(11) The above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the bail matter.

(12) It is also clarified that in case of any recurrence on the part of petitioner, State would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for recalling of this order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

7th July, 2025
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>