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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.262 of 2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 08.04.2025

Satnam Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

UOI through NCB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU**Present:** Mr. Nitin Rampal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Sharma, Advocate for NCB-Union of India.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.**CRM-6044-2025**

Application under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for placing on record the uncertified copy of order in CRM-M-2202-2024 whereby co-accused- Lakhvir singh has been granted regular bail (P-3).

For the reasons mentioned in the application, same is allowed as prayed for, subject to all just exceptions and P-3 is taken on record.

Registry to tag the same at appropriate place.

CRM-7732-2025

Application under Section 528 of BNSS for placing on record uncertified copy of order in CRM-M-64523-2024 whereby co-accused- Tarsem Lal @ Bittu has been granted regular bail (P-4).

For the reasons mentioned in the application, same is allowed as prayed for, subject to all just exceptions and P-4 is taken on record.

Registry to tag the same at appropriate place.



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Main Case

Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS for grant of bail pending trial to the petitioner in NCB Crime No.20/2024 dated 27.09.2024, registered under Section(s) 8, 18, 23, 28 and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act'), at Narcotic Control Bureau, Chandigarh.

2. Allegations are that petitioner was apprehended along with opium weighing 91 grams concealed in two pouches from a parcel having AWB No. 9243383612 which was destined for Canada.

3. Contends that petitioner is in custody since 07.10.2024; final report under Section 193 BNSS has already been presented on 03.12.2024; charges were framed on 07.01.2025; but out of total 15 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far. Further contends that quantity of alleged contraband is non-commercial in nature; thus, further incarceration would not serve any purpose.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the prayer while submitting that allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature, therefore, petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail pending trial.

5. Heard both sides and perused the paper-book.

6. Concededly, recovery alleged is non-commercial in nature; petitioner is in custody since 07.10.2024; final report under Section 193 BNSS has already been presented on 03.12.2024; charges were framed on 07.01.2025; but out of total 15 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far; therefore, conclusion of trial may take sufficient long time. Moreover, it is not the allegation of State that in case, petitioner is released on bail, he shall influence the witnesses or hamper the course of trial, in any



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manner; thus, further incarceration of the petitioner would not serve any purpose.

7. Consequently, present petition is allowed; petitioner shall be admitted to bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Special Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. Petitioner shall appear on each & every date of hearing and to fully co-operate with learned Special Court without seeking any unnecessary adjournment(s).

9. The above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

10. It is clarified that in case there is recurrence or any misuse of concession of bail on the part of the petitioner, Union of India would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for recalling of this order.

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

08.04.2025

Rajeev (rvs)

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No