



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

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1) **CRM-M-34654-2025**  
**Decided on : 09.10.2025**

Harjinder Singh alias Karma . . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab . . . Respondent(s)

2) **CRM-M-36464-2025**

Inderjit Singh . . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab . . . Respondent(s)

3) **CRM-M-54556-2025**

Jagwinder Singh alias Jagg . . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab . . . Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Arjun Kapur, Advocate  
for the petitioner(s) (in CRM-M-36464-2025).

Mr. Parminder Singh Sekhon, Advocate and  
Mr. Rajdeep Singh Gill, Advocate  
for the petitioner(s) (in CRM-M-54556-2025).

Mr. Bareen Pratap Singh, AAG, Punjab  
assisted by Inspector Kuldeep Singh.

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**SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)**

1. This order shall dispose of CRM-M-34654-2025, CRM-M-36464-2025 and CRM-M-54556-2025, as all the petitions are interconnected and have arisen out of same FIR. However, the lead case is CRM-M-34654-2025.

2. The instant petitions have been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 439 Cr.P.C.), for grant of regular bail to the

petitioners, during the pendency of trial, who have been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed here-under:-

Name of Petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Harjinder Singh alias Karma (petitioner in CRM-M-34654-2025)	120	04.04.2025	15, 25, 29, 61 and 85 of NDPS Act, 1985	City Barnala	Barnala
Inderjit Singh (petitioner in CRM-M-36464-2025)					
Jagwinder Singh alias Jagg (petitioner in CRM-M-54556-2025)					

3. The FIR in question was registered only on the basis of the alleged secret information received by the police party on 04.04.2025, at about 5:35 P.M. As per the secret information, names of three accused are mentioned, namely; (i) Nirmal Singh alias Nimma, (ii) Beant Singh alias Pandit, and (iii) Jagjeet Singh alias Seera, who allegedly were having a Trolly bearing registration No. PB03-AP-9654 and are in connivance with each other used to bring poppy straw (doda) and poppy-husk from outer States and then supply the same in different areas of Punjab.

4. Based on the said information, FIR was initially registered against the above-named three accused only. As per the status report filed in CRM-M-34654-2025, the police team headed by SI Kuldeep Singh proceeded towards Garcha Road, ITI Chowk, Pharwahi Octroi Post, near YS School Handiyaya on Bathinda Sangrur Bye-pass, Barnala. Near a deserted building, two persons were found unloading bags from the said Trolly and reloading them into a Chota Hathi (bearing registration No. HR55-T-6498). Upon apprehension, they disclosed their names as Beant Singh alias Pandit and Nirmal Singh alias Nimma.

5. According to the status report (Para 7), a total of 75 bags

containing poppy husk were recovered, 04 bags from the Chota Hathi and 71 bags from the Trolla. Each bag was approximately 20 kg in weight, totalling around **1500 kg of poppy husk**. In a way, it has been explained that total there were 75 bags and 1500 kg of poppy-husk (75 bags x 20 kg each = 1500 kg in total) was recovered from the Trolla and Chota Hathi both.

6. During the course of investigation, the name of one Gurpreet Singh emerged as another alleged smuggler operating from the State of Jharkhand. As per the disclosure statement of Nirmal Singh, involvement of other persons, namely Inderjit Singh (petitioner in CRM-M-36464-2025), Gurpreet Singh, Harjinder Singh alias Karma (petitioner in CRM-M-34654-2025), and one unidentified person (later identified as Ajmer Singh) was alleged. It was stated that they had arrived together in a Brezza car along with Gurpreet Singh during the night time.

7. Insofar as petitioner – Inderjit Singh is concerned, status report reflects that only 06 kg of poppy husk was recovered from the location disclosed by him pursuant to his disclosure statement dated 09.04.2025. No recovery, whatsoever, has been made from Harjinder Singh alias Karma. The status report does not disclose any specific quantity or incriminating material recovered from him.

8. With regard to Jagwinder Singh alias Jagg (petitioner in CRM-M-54556-2025), although no status report has been filed, learned State counsel, upon instructions from Inspector Kuldeep Singh, has submitted that his name was disclosed by co-accused Gurpreet Singh, alleging that one 20 kg bag of poppy husk was handed over to him. However, it is conceded that no recovery has been effected from petitioner Jagwinder Singh alias Jagg either.

9. On collective assessment of the facts, as put forth in the status

reports, and from the submissions made by the learned State counsel, it clearly emerges that from among all three petitioners herein, **only 06 kg of poppy husk** has been recovered, and that too from petitioner Inderjit Singh. No recovery has been effected from either Harjinder Singh alias Karma or Jagwinder Singh alias Jagg. Thus, the petitioners cannot be held liable for the total recovery of 1500 kg of poppy husk made from the Trola and the Chota Hathi, in absence of any direct recovery or material linking them with the said consignment.

10. Petitioner – Harjinder Singh alias Karma has undergone **06 months and 05 days** of incarceration. No other case under the NDPS Act has been registered against him. Likewise, petitioner – Inderjit Singh, has also remained in custody for **06 months and 05 days**, with no prior involvement under the NDPS Act. Further, petitioner – Jagwinder Singh alias Jagg, has suffered incarceration for a period of **04 months and 23 days**, and similarly, no other NDPS case is registered against him.

11. It is also noticeable that investigation against all three petitioners stands concluded and challan/final report has already been filed before the trial Court on 30.09.2025. However, recording of prosecution evidence is yet to commence. Hence, conclusion of trial is likely to take considerable time.

12. In light of the above, and particularly considering that only an **intermediate quantity** of 6 kg of poppy husk is involved (with no recovery from two of the petitioners), and trial is likely to be time consuming, further incarceration of the petitioners would not serve any fruitful purpose.

13. Consequently, prayer made in the present petitions are **allowed**. Petitioners are ordered to be released on bail, subject to their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Illaqa Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in

any other case.

13. Needless to observe that the petitioners shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.

14. The observation made here-in-above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case and the Trial Court is expected to decide the case on the basis of complete evidence available on record.

15. It is further made clear that if, in future, petitioners are directly found indulged in similar kind of activities, this order shall be deemed to be cancelled.

**Petitions stand disposed of.**

Pending misc. application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

Photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.

**(SANJAY VASHISTH)  
JUDGE**

**October 09, 2025**

*J.Ram*

*Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No*

*Whether Reportable: Yes/No*