

CRM-M-26688-2025
and CRM-M-33344-2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-26688-2025

ANOOP ALIAS ANUP REDHU

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

.....Respondent

CRM-M-33344-2025

KARAMBIR

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

.....Respondent

Decided on : 01.09.2025

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Arman Goyal, Advocate,
for the petitioner (in CRM-M-26688-2025), and
Mr. Siddarth, Advocate,
for the petitioner (in CRM-M-33344-2025).

Mr. Pawan Kumar Jhanda, Sr. DAG, Haryana.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Petition i.e. CRM-M-26688-2025 has been filed by the petitioner namely Anoop @ Anup Redhu, seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.215, dated 18.12.2023, under Section(s) 30-54-59 of Arms Act, 1959, and sections 21(c)-61-85 of NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Utawar, District Palwal.

Petition i.e. CRM-M-33344-2025 has been filed by the petitioner namely Karambir, seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing



FIR No.215, dated 18.12.2023, under Section(s) 21-C of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Uttawar, District Palwal.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that 501 bottles, each containing 100 ml of Codeine-Tripolidine Syrup branded as “Wings Cough Syrup,” were recovered from the joint possession of both petitioners. In addition to this, one pistol along with five live cartridges was also recovered from the possession of petitioner Karambir.

3. In regard to the recovery of pistol, learned counsel for the petitioner – Karambir (in CRM-M-33344-2025) submits that petitioner was in possession of a licensed weapon. In this context, counsel refers to the pistol licence dated 22.04.2024, issued by the District Magistrate, Jind, and submits that licence was duly issued in favour of petitioner Karambir. Therefore, it is contended that no offence under the Arms Act can be said to have been committed by the petitioner in the present case.

4. In regard to the heavy recovery allegedly affected from possession of both the petitioners, counsel for the petitioners relies upon the order dated 09.01.2025 passed in CRM-M-46312-2024, which is based on the observation made by Hon’ble the Apex Court, in its order dated 03.05.2024 in SLP (Criminal) No.15496 of 2023, titled as *Saddam Hossain vs. State of West Bengal*, wherein the recovered substance was 72 bottles of 100 ml Phensedyl Syrup were seized and since each 5 ml. contains 10 mg of codeine phosphate, was considered as 14.4 grams in the total 72 bottles, and thereupon, petitioner therein was ordered to be released on bail. Relying on this precedent, counsel for the petitioners contend that the actual content of codeine phosphate, rather than mere



number of bottles recovered, should be the determining factor in assessing the quantity involved in the present case.

Copy of the order dated 03.05.2024, produced by counsel for the petitioners, is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place on the file.

5. Moreover, counsel for the petitioners jointly submit that petitioners are inside jail since 18.12.2023 and out of total 22 prosecution witnesses, only 3 have been examined, till date. Since, culmination of trial is likely to take considerable time, counsels pray for grant of regular bail to the petitioners in the present case.

6. On the other hand, learned State counsel has filed status report dated 30.08.2025 (in both the cases), in the Court today and the same are taken on record.

7. Learned State counsel, while opposing the prayer and submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners, submits that recovery made from the petitioners in the present case, is massive and clearly fall within the category of commercial quantity.

It is further submitted that a significant number of witnesses are yet to be examined. Granting the concession of bail to the petitioners, at this stage, may result in influencing the witnesses by them, absconding, and causing obstruction to the administration of justice. In view of these considerations, learned State counsel prays for dismissal of both the present petitions.

However, he does not dispute the submissions, which have already been addressed by learned counsel for the petitioners and same



are already recorded here-in-above that Hon'ble Apex Court in similar situation, in **Saddam Hossain's case (supra)**, has granted the concession of bail.

Besides, learned State counsel also does not dispute that the pace of trial is very slow, as only 3 witnesses, out of total 22 prosecution witnesses, have been examined, till now.

8. After hearing learned counsel for the parties, considering the submissions recorded here-in-above, and examining the record available on the case file, this Court finds that it is a fit case for granting concession of regular bail to the petitioners.

9. Consequently, prayer made in both the present petitions is **allowed**. Petitioners (in both the cases), namely, Anoop @ Anup Redhu and Karambir, 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.

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

11. Any of the discussion done and recorded here above, shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case. Therefore, trial Court is expected to decide the case by taking an independent view, on the basis of evidence available on record, as expeditiously as possible, in accordance with law.



12. 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.

13. Petitions stand disposed of.

14. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of other connected case.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

01.09.2025
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/NO
Whether Reportable: ~~YES~~/NO