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

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Decided on : 13.05.2026**

Jasbir Singh @ Babbi

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : Mr. Vipul Jindal, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Pawan Kumar Jhanda, Sr. DAG Haryana

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, seeking grant of regular bail, in case, FIR No.589, dated 28.10.2024, under Sections 18(b)/27A/29/31 of NDPS Act and Section 238 of BNS, 2023 (corresponding Section 201 IPC), registered at Police Station Sadar Thanesar, District Kurukshetra.

2. Brief facts of the case relevant for the disposal of the present petitions are that on 27.10.2024, on the basis of a secret information, main accused namely Shravan Singh, while sitting in truck, bearing registration number PB-02-ES-8418, was apprehended by a police party headed by SI Baljinder Singh and recovery of 10 kilograms 40 grams of opium was effected from him. Upon interrogation, main accused, Shravan Singh, made a disclosure statement in which he named three persons, namely Bickey Chamlagain alias Bicku, Balkar Singh, and Bittu Kumar



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alias Bittu-as accused in the present case. He further disclosed that since he was not able to pay the installments of loan taken by him for purchasing the said truck, he had started bringing opium from Manipur and then selling the same in Punjab.

3. During the course of the investigation, it was revealed that the main accused, Shravan Singh, transferred an amount of Rs. 4,03,500/- to the bank account of co-accused Bittu Kumar @ Bittu. Subsequently, in furtherance of this transaction, co-accused Bittu Kumar alias Bittu transferred an amount of Rs.3,64,000/- to the bank account of co-accused Bickey Chamlagain @ Bicku

4. Primarily, allegations of the prosecution is that the recovered opium was supplied by two of the co-accused, namely Bittu Kumar alias Bittu, and Bickey Chamlagain @ Bicku, and the said opium was intended to be delivered further to Balkar Singh, Jasbir Singh (petitioner herein) and Sukh. However, prior to its actual delivery, they were implicated as accused in the present case.

5. Counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is falsely implicated in the present case, as he is not even named in the FIR. He contends that petitioner has been nominated solely on the basis of disclosure statement of the main accused, which is not admissible evidence as per law. There is nothing on record to link the petitioner with the subject of crime, except the alleged disclosure statement of the co-accused. Furthermore, investigation has been completed and challan has also been filed. Out of total 43 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined till date. Thus, culmination of the trial is likely to take considerable time.

6. It is further submitted that petitioner-Jasbir Singh @ Babbi is in judicial custody since 11.12.2024, i.e., for a period of more than 01 year, 06 months. Therefore, it is submitted that no useful purpose would be served by



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keeping him in custody any longer. It is, therefore, urged that present petition deserves to be allowed.

7. Learned State counsel, while opposing the prayer and submissions advanced by learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that petitioner is not entitled to the concession of regular bail, as serious allegations are levelled against him. It is contended that he played a key role in the smuggling of opium from Manipur. It is further argued that if the petitioner is released on bail, there is a likelihood that he may abscond or engage in similar offences. Accordingly, it is submitted that present petition is liable to be dismissed.

8. This Court has heard the submissions advanced by counsel for the parties and has perused the record available on file.

9. Petitioner-Jasbir Singh @ Babbi (in CRM-M-16955-2026) is concerned, nothing incriminating has been recovered from his possession. In fact, it appears that he was prematurely arrested in the present case because, according to the case set up by the prosecution itself, the recovered contraband was to be delivered to Balkar Singh and his co-accused before its actual delivery.

10. In view of the totality of circumstances, nature of the allegations against petitioner-Jasbir Singh @ Babbi, and the factors noticed here above including the total incarceration period undergone by him, this Court deems it appropriate to grant the concession of bail to him in the present case.

Consequently, prayer made in the present petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his 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.

11. Needless to observe that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and



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shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.

12. 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.

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

14. **Petition stands disposed of.**

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

May 13, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No