



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

**CRM-M No.34147 of 2026  
Date of Decision: 22.06.2026**

**Ashish @ Panda**

**...Petitioner**

**VS**

**State of Punjab**

**...Respondent**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL**

Present: Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate  
for the petitioner (through video conference).

Mr. Amit Shukla, D.A.G., Punjab.

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**VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J (ORAL)**

This is an application praying for the grant of interim bail for a period of four weeks to enable the petitioner to attend the marriage of his real sister-Khushi, which is scheduled to be solemnized on 24.06.2026.

2. The petitioner is alleged to have been apprehended on 03.10.2025 on the basis of a secret information. One 9 mm pistol, 3 live cartridges and 785 grams of heroin are stated to have been recovered from him. Under the circumstances, FIR No.167 dated 03.10.2025, under sections 21(c), 25, 29, 61, 25 of NDPS Act and Section 25/54 of Arms Act, 1959 was registered at Police Station Dugri, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana (Annexure P-1).

3. It has been averred that the marriage of the real sister of the petitioner namely Khushi is to be solemnized on 24.06.2026 and ceremonies would commence from 19.06.2026. Marriage cards of both sides have been placed on record as Annexures P-2 and P-3.



4. It has been averred that the petitioner is the elder brother and has to perform certain ceremonies at the time of marriage. The other sister of the petitioner is stated to be married. Apart from two sisters, he has a younger brother who is a minor. It has also been averred that the father of the petitioner expired on 22.01.2019 and, therefore, the presence of the petitioner would be essential at the time of the marriage of his real sister.

5. On 17.06.2026, a Coordinate Bench had directed the State to verify the assertions made in the petition with regard to the factum of the marriage of the sister of the petitioner.

6. Today, learned State counsel, on instructions, from Sh. Sukhdev Raj Bagga, Sub-Inspector, Police Station Dugri, District Ludhiana, who is present in Court states that as per the inquiry made, the marriage of the sister of the petitioner namely Khushi is to be solemnized on 24.06.2026 at Ludhiana.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since the petitioner is the only person who has to solemnize the ceremonies, he may be released on interim bail for a period of four weeks.

8. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has submitted that a huge quantity of heroin was recovered from the petitioner and that in case he is granted interim bail, there are chances of his absconding.

9. I have considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

10. The petitioner had earlier moved a petition for the grant of regular bail which was withdrawn by him on 28.04.2026. However, the prayer in the present petition is only for the grant of interim bail on account of the marriage of the real sister of the petitioner. It has been stated that the



father of the petitioner has expired and his other brother is a minor. The second sister of the petitioner is also stated to be married. Nothing has been brought on record by the State to the contrary. No doubt, a heavy quantity of heroine is stated to have been recovered from the petitioner. However, at the same time, it has to be borne in mind that the marriage of the real sister of the petitioner is to be solemnized on 24.06.2026 and that his presence on the ceremony would be essential and his absence may adversely effect the matrimonial life of his sister.

11. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on interim bail for a period of three (03) days w.e.f., 8 A.M on 23.06.2026 till 05 P.M., on 25.06.2026 which shall enable the petitioner to perform the ceremonies pertaining to the marriage of his sister. This shall however be subject to furnishing of bail bonds in the sum of Rs.5,00,000/- with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

The instant petition is accordingly disposed of.

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)  
JUDGE

**June 22, 2026**  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | : | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | : | Yes/No |