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

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CRM-M-46675-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 09.09.2026

Jagjit Singh @ Jagjeet Singh

...Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present: Mr. Bhavnish Kumar Wadhwa, Advocate and
Mr. Nikhil Ghai, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rahul Jindal, AAG, Punjab.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J (ORAL)

This is the second petition preferred under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'the BNSS') praying for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.127, dated 16.05.2025 registered at Police Station Islamabad, District Amritsar under Sections 21, 23 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'the NDPS Act'), the first petition (CRM-M-61131-2025) having been withdrawn on 13.03.2026.

2. Status report by way of affidavit of Sh. Surinder Singh, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Central, Amritsar as also custody certificate dated 08.09.2026 filed in Court today are taken on record.

3. On 16.05.2025, on the basis of a secret information, two persons both named Akashdeep Singh were apprehended and they were allegedly found to be in possession of 1 kg 14 grams of heroin. One of the said persons suffered a disclosure statement that he was engaged in the business of selling heroin and used to hand over the money received from sale of heroin to Jagjit Singh @ Jagjeet Singh (petitioner) and one Ranjeet Singh @ Rana. On the



basis of the said disclosure statement, the petitioner was nominated as an accused and was accordingly arrested on 18.05.2025.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated. He submits that both the main accused Akashdeep Singh are in custody. Apart from the disclosure statement, there is no other evidence to link the petitioner with the offence. He submits that the money alleged to have been recovered from the petitioner stands duly explained from the bank statements annexed as Annexure P-3 with the present petition. He submits that the antecedents of the petitioner are clean. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody for the last one 1 year, 3 months and 18 days; investigation stands completed; charges have been framed on 17.12.2025, however, out of 19 witnesses, none has been examined; trial will take a sufficiently long time and, therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

5. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has opposed the bail application, stating that a sum of Rs.3.10 lakhs was recovered from the car of the petitioner on a disclosure statement suffered by him. He submits that the allegations being very serious, the petitioner does not deserve to be released on bail.

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

7. Both the main accused Akashdeep Singh from whom the contraband is alleged to have been recovered are in custody. The petitioner was arrested on the basis of a disclosure statement of one of the said co-accused. He is in custody since 18.05.2025. 1 year, 3 months and 18 days have gone by. His antecedents are clean. As to whether the money alleged to have been recovered from him was drug money or had been received from



other sources shall be determined only when the trial concludes. Out of 19 witnesses, none has been examined, charges having been framed in December 2025. The right of the petitioner to a speedy trial has, therefore, been prejudiced. Since the trial will take a sufficiently long time, in the considered opinion of this Court, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

8. In view of the aforementioned facts and circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

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

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

September 09, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No