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

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Decided on : 21.04.2026**

Satinder Singh

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : Mr. Sahil Choudhary, Advocate and
Mr. Munish Behl, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Amish Sharma, AAG Haryana

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 439 Cr.P.C.), for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, during the pendency of trial, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Satinder Singh, aged 38 years	63	05.03.2025	15(c) and 29 of NDPS Act	Parao, Ambala Cantt.	Ambala

2. As per case of the prosecution, on 05.03.2025, from a Scorpio car bearing registration No. HR-08AF-7710, which was driven by petitioner-Satinder Singh, poppy husk weighing 53.200 Kg was recovered, which is only 3.200 Kg more than maximum of non-commercial quantity, therefore, it would be definitely examined during the course of trial whether the weighing process adopted by the

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investigating officer was proper as per prescribed norms or not.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has been in custody for the last more than a period of 01 year and out of total 23 prosecution witnesses till date none has been examined. On these grounds, the petitioner prays for the grant of regular bail.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the prayer for bail, submitting that the petitioner is involved in a serious offence. Learned State counsel also expresses concern that if the petitioner is released on bail, he may try to influence witnesses or interfere with the trial. Even so, the State prays for dismissal of the present petition.

4. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material available on record. Considering that the petitioner has been in custody for more than a period of 01 year, this Court is of the view that the matter warrants consideration for grant of regular bail.

This Court is also of the view that petitioner deserves an opportunity to rehabilitate and reintegrate into society. Thus, without making any comments or observations on the quality/standard of the evidence collected by the prosecution, primarily considering the long incarceration and non-examination of the material witnesses, to the view point of this Court, personal liberty of the petitioner cannot be curtailed for an indefinite period.

5. Considering the aspects and circumstances, 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.

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6. 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.

7. It is further made clear that if in future petitioner is found indulged in similar kind of activities, prosecution would be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail in the present case.

8. Petition stands disposed of.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall stands disposed of accordingly.

April 21, 2026*reena***(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

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