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

CRM-M No. 17273 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 28.05.2016

Mangal Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Damanjeet Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Karambir Singh Kahlon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by ASI Harjeet Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, is for grant of anticipatory bail on behalf of the petitioner-accused-Mangal Singh in case FIR No. 37, dated 20.05.2014, for offences under Sections 324, 34 of the Indian Penal Code (Section 326 of the Indian Penal Code added later on), registered at Police Station Sadar Batala, District Batala.

As per prosecution case on account of complainant Gurdev Singh submitting a complaint regarding illegal felling of trees by non-applicants/accused Kartar Singh and Hardev Singh are alleged to have attacked the complainant. Non-applicant/ accused-Kartar Singh armed with a *datar* is attributed an incised wound on the forehead above the right eye brow whereas non-applicant/co-accused -Hardev Singh armed with a *datar*

allegedly inflicted an incised wound below the left knee joint. Petitioner-accused is stated to be empty handed and attributed a *lalkara* to catch hold of complainant and teach him a lesson for filing a complaint against them, whereafter non-applicant/co-accused Kartar Singh and Hardev Singh attacked the complainant.

It was contended that there is a version and cross version and the other co-accused have been granted interim protection.

At the time of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to order dated 19.05.2016, passed by this Court, the petitioner has since joined the investigation and fully cooperated.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by ASI Harjeet Singh, does not refute the aforesaid factual position and further states that the petitioner is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the interim protection/pre-arrest bail granted to the petitioner by this Court's order dated 19.05.2016, is made absolute.

Disposed of.

May 28, 2016

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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE