

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-40646-2017 (O&M)

Date of decision:02.11.2018

Manpreet Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in respect of FIR No.41 dated 17.05.2017 under Sections 452, 307, 382, 324, 323, 336, 427, 148, 149 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and under Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act, 1950 registered at Police Station Sadar Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

As per the FIR, the petitioner is alleged to have given a 'Kappa' blow on the head of the complainant which resulted into grievous injury. As many as 14 persons were named in the FIR but upon investigation 6 were declared innocent who were summoned subsequently with the aid of Section 319 Cr.P.C. However, all the accused other than the petitioner are stated to be on bail.

Pursuant to the directions issued on the last date of hearing an affidavit of Mr. Iqbal Singh, PPS, Superintendent of Police, Sub-

Division Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib has been filed wherein it has been reported that all the injured witnesses as well as complainant have already been examined. Learned State counsel informed that out of total number of 19 cited prosecution witnesses, 5 have been examined. The petitioner is stated to be behind the bars since last 1 year 5 months.

Having regard to the abovesaid facts and circumstances and bearing in mind that the petitioner has been behind the bars since last 1 year and 5 months and that only 5 prosecution witnesses out of 19 have been examined, in my opinion, no fruitful purpose would be served by further detaining the petitioner behind bars. Accordingly, petitioner-Manpreet Singh is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court.

This petition stands accepted accordingly.

It is, however, clarified that none of the observations made above shall be taken to be an expression on merits of the main case.

**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

02.11.2018
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Whether reasoned / speaking? **Yes / No**

Whether reportable? **Yes / No**