

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

CRM M-55659 of 2018

Date of Decision: February 20, 2019

Bhupinder Singh	Petitioner
Vs.	
State of Haryana	Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU.

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Present:- Mr. Bipin Ghai, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Navjot Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Yashwinder Singh, DAG, Haryana
Mr. Virender Rana, Advocate for the complainant.

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MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for seeking bail pending trial in FIR No. 83 dated 28.06.2018 under Sections 120-B/148/149/302/307/323/427/506/201 IPC read with Sections 25 and 30 of the Arms Act and Section 3 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, registered at Police Station Kalka, District Panchkula.

The FIR case was registered at the instance of complainant Yog Raj @ Pinki son of Sucha Ram caste Gujjar resident of Village Majra Mehtab, P.S. Kalka, aged 28 years with the allegations that on 28.6.2018, he along with his friends, Satish @ TT resident of Majra Mehtab, Aman son of Satpal, Deepa @ Dalip, Lakhwinder @ Happy, Harvinder @ Pola residents of Majra Mehtab and Vikram @ Vicky (since deceased) resident of Ghatiwala, Pinjore, Mahender @ Minder son of Lajja Ram, Village Majra Mehtab gathered at Paploha at a sand outlet for birthday celebration of Vikram @ Vicky. At about 4.30 PM six vehicles from the side of Kherawali

having about 30 young boys armed with sticks, swords, rods, guns etc. came there and he saw Umesh Kumar @ Matru, Akram resident of Panga Majri, Ishar Nagar, Pamma resident of Baddi armed with .12 bore guns and Gurmeet @ Roda resident of Sukhomajri, Madan @ Maddu, Satta resident of Manakpur, Makhan resident of Sukhomajri, Rinku resident of Kattal Barottiwala, Gola resident of Khada Pathar Wasudevpura, Deepu Kaimbwala, Sourav Jassu resident of Pinjore, Billa resident of near Chikan, were armed with pistols and swords and they started indiscriminate firing. After noticing firing, Vikram @ Vicky Kammy tried to hide himself on the rear seat of Scorpio No. HR49-C-9358, but Umesh Kumar @ Matru, Pamma Baddi and Akram fired instantaneously and due to that Vikram @ Vicky died on the spot inside the Car. When they tried to save themselves, then Makhan Sukhomajri, Madan @ Maddu, Gurmeet @ Roda Sukhomajri, Gola resident of Khara Pathar, Rinku r/o Kattal Barottiwala, Billa resident of Chikan, Satta Manakpur, Deepu resident of Kaimbwala, Ram Gopal @ Pallu R/o Kona, Sourav Jassu, Yashpal @ Yashu Resident of Tagra Hansua, ran after them while firing along with other boys and on account of this Dalip @ Deepa suffered a gunshot injury on his waist, Lakhwinder @ Happy a gun shot injury on his arm, Mahinder @ Minder suffered a sword blow, Harvinder @ Pola a gun shot injury, Nirmal @ Happy suffered a rod blow. On hearing the firing, people started gathering there and all the assailants damaged Alto Car also bearing Registration No. HR-49-C-7838 with their rods and while firing they ran away towards Kalka side in their respective vehicles. All these assailants had come on the place of occurrence at the instance of Bhupinder Singh @ Babu and Sham Lal Tagra

to murder him (complainant) and his friends. All the accused came there on account of previous enmity of the complainant with Bhupinder Singh @ Babu and Sham Lal Tagra in order to take the revenge they had sent about 30 young boys of their gang to kill the complainant as well as others and Vikram @ Vicky died on the spot whereas others sustained injuries. Bhupinder @ Babu and Sham Lal Tangra connived with each other and sent 30 boys in order to commit the crime and they came in two white colour Scorpio, one white colour Verna car, One white colour Brezza, one white Swift car and one Alto Car of golden colour.

Learned Senior Counsel Mr. Bipan Ghai assisted by Mr.Navjot Singh has contended that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case merely on account of the fact that one of the co-accused, namely, Umesh @ Matru who alleged to have fired gunshot on the deceased is his nephew. Further contends that as a matter of fact petitioner along with his family members had gone to Goa on 18.06.2018 for holidays upto 30.06.2018, but due to the alleged occurrence on 28.06.2018 he received a phone call from ACP, Kalka on that day and on the very next day i.e. 29.06.2018 came back to Kalka, joined investigation and thereafter on 30.06.2018 he was arrested while attributing the role of a conspirator. Further contends that report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. against the petitioner was submitted on 27.09.2018 and the charges have also been framed by learned trial Court on 04.02.2019 and now the case is fixed for prosecution evidence on 08.03.2019. Also contended that there are more than 50 prosecution witnesses, therefore, the trial is likely to take a long time and as such further custody of the petitioner will not serve any purpose.

In pursuance of the notice of motion issued by this Court, reply by way of affidavit of Mr. Rajneesh Kumar, HPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, State Crime Branch, Haryana, Panchkula has been filed and on the basis thereof, it is contended by learned State counsel that present petitioner is running a gang in the name of BSB (Bhupinder Singh Babbu) and having a rivalry with the opposite gang i.e. SMG (Sanju Majra Group) and the present occurrence had taken place for taking revenge by the petitioner's gang which resulted into the murder of Vikram @ Vicky by gunshot injuries and other persons also suffered gunshots, sword as well as rod blow injuries. Further contends that two main accused, namely, Umesh Kumar @ Matru and Akram, who fired gunshot are still at large alongwith some of the assailants and in case the petitioner is granted the concession of bail he will not only threaten the prosecution witnesses, but most likely to hamper the smooth investigation which is pending against other co-accused.

Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper book.

Undisputedly the petitioner has been specifically named in the FIR and the allegations against him are that he is running a gang in the name of BSB. Facts of the present case reveal that Vikram @ Vicky has been murdered in a pre-planned manner by an unruly mob of more than thirty accused who came in the six different vehicles including two white colour Scorpio, One white colour Verna, one White Colour Brezza, One white colour Swift and One Alto of golden colour, armed with deadly weapons i.e. .12 bore guns, swords, rods etc. and fired indiscriminately. Such type of incident creates total anarchy in the vicinity for common men. There is

sufficient material on record collected by the investigating agency for complicity of the petitioner in the commission of alleged crime along with other co-accused as the conspiracy was hatched at his instance and the SMS was circulated to all the accused for their assembling to chalk out the modalities and execution of the same. Although the petitioner has tried to raise the plea of alibi on the premises that he was holidaying in Goa, but that seems to be a clever device to save his skin while creating a defence and the same shall be considered during trial after leading the evidence. Moreover, the affidavit on behalf of the State reveals that petitioner switched off his own mobile number and remained in touch through mobile No.98822-60003 with Jasbir Singh on his Mobile No. 9988980003 as well as with Manga on Mobile No. 9729401001. Affidavit also reveals that both of them were in contact with accused Makhan, Amrit Pal @ Toofan, Yashpal @ Yashu, Umesh @ Matru, Madan @ Maddu and Vinod etc. on the date of occurrence and on that day he exchanged 12 calls with above Manga.

Since the petitioner is the main kingpin of the entire episode resulting into the murder of a young Scheduled Caste boy and causing injuries to others and the case is fixed for prosecution evidence on 08.03.2019 and as such there is every possibility that release of the petitioner on bail will hamper the proceedings before learned trial Court as well as the pending investigation against the remaining other accused including the two main co-accused i.e. Umesh Kumar and Akram.

Record of the case reveals that initially 31 accused were arrested till August 2018 by the first SIT and report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. was submitted qua them on 27.09.2018. In the interregnum, second

SIT was constituted on 20.9.2018 by the Commissioner of Police, Panchkula, and thereafter third SIT was constituted vide order dated 31.10.2018 by Director General of Police / Crime (H), Panchkula, but second and third SIT have been able to arrest only two accused, thus the progress made by these two subsequent SITs cannot be said to be satisfactory.

Before parting with the order it is necessary to mention here that at the time of hearing this Court was apprised by the Deputy Superintendent of Police who is heading the present SIT that proceedings under Sections 82 and 83 Cr.P.C. pending against the co-accused who are evading arrest and if that is so, concerned Court is requested to expedite the same and if need be, recourse be also taken to Section 174 A IPC, at the earliest.

In view of the above, no ground is made out to grant concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

A copy of this order be sent to the learned trial Court for compliance.

February 20, 2019
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

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