

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

**CRM-M-16342 of 2020(O&M)
Date of Decision: 26.08.2020**

Manpreet Singh @ Mandeep Singh @ Manna

Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. G.S.Jagpal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.A.Pathak, Addl.AG., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Petitioner, seeks the concession of bail pending trial in FIR No.101, dated 02.05.2019, under Sections 307, 341, 325, 435, 427, 506, 148, 149 IPC, registered at Police Station Division No.6, District Ludhiana.

It is submitted that the petitioner has no role to play in the alleged occurrence and has been falsely implicated. It is further submitted that the co-accused namely Sandeep Singh, who is attributed a kirpan blow on the head of the complainant, was afforded the concession of bail pending trial on 20.09.2019 in CRM-M-39082 of 2019 (Annexure P-2). Furthermore, another co-accused namely Nikka, who is attributed a gandasi blow on the head of the complainant, was also afforded the concession of bail pending trial on 10.09.2019 in CRM-M-

36349 of 2019. Moreover, the injured-complainant Maninder Singh, it is submitted, is hale and hearty and is living a normal healthy life while the petitioner is in custody since 05.10.2019. Challan stands presented. It is further stated that the petitioner, is not involved in any other criminal case. It is thus prayed that the present petition be allowed.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State, is unable to deny that similarly situated co-accused Sandeep Singh and Nikka, have been afforded the concession of bail pending trial. It is verified on instructions from ASI Jagir Singh, that the complainant stood discharged long time back and is hale and hearty. It is confirmed that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case and the final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C., stands presented.

Due to the outbreak of the pandemic-COVID-19, not much progress is being made in the trial. There are no allegations on behalf of the State that the petitioner is likely to abscond or that he is likely to dissuade the witnesses from deposing true facts in Court, if released on bail. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner incarcerated any longer in the facts and circumstances of this case.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as above, but without commenting upon or expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition filed by petitioner-Manpreet Singh @ Mandeep Singh @ Manna, is allowed. The petitioner be released on bail pending trial subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

It is clarified that none of the observations made hereinabove shall be construed to be a reflection on the merits of the case. The same are solely

confined for the purpose of decision of the present petition.

26.08.2020		[LISA GILL]
s.khan		Judge
	Whether speaking/reasoned	: Yes/No.
	Whether reportable	: Yes/No.