

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

CRM-M-19904-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : 01.09.2020

Lali Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL**

Present: Mr. Vinod K. Kaushal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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**ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in a criminal case arising from FIR No.105 dated 29.05.2020 registered under Sections 354, 323, 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Khilchian, District Amritsar Rural, Amritsar.

On 22.07.2020, the following order was passed:-

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

*The petitioner, it is submitted, has been falsely implicated in this case due to a dispute between neighbours. The incident is alleged to have taken place on 24.05.2020, however, there is an unexplained delay in the lodging of the FIR, which was registered on 29.05.2020. The petitioner, it is stated, is not involved in any other criminal case.*

*Notice of motion.*

*Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State. Advance copy of the petition stands served upon the State.*

*At request, adjourned to 01.09.2020.*

*In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and fully cooperate in the investigation of this case. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of Investigating Officer. Petitioner shall comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. ”*

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from SI Simarjeet Kaur, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation, cooperated and is not required for further custodial interrogation, at this stage. He further submits that the injuries have been declared simple in nature.

In view thereof, the order dated 22.07.2020 is made absolute.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed.

**01.09.2020**

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)  
JUDGE**

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

**Whether reportable:-                                  Yes/No**