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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.486 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 07.01.2021

Ankush Kumar Yadav

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Ms. Harpreet Kaur Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.187 dated 08.10.2020 registered under Sections 307, 323, 341, 458, 436, 506, 120-B, 148 and 149 IPC at Police Station Dugri, District Ludhiana.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that as per the allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of Manjeet Kaur, when she and her daughter were alone, about 40-50 persons riding on motorcycles came to her house, out of which some of them were identified and named in the FIR. All the persons were armed with swords, dah, khandas, dandas, sticks, petrol bombs, etc. and by scaling the wall, they opened the main door and damaged the house. The scooter and the entire window panes were also damaged and thereafter, they threw petrol bombs in the house of the complainant, due to which the clothes and furniture were set on fire. The complainant and her daughter saved their lives by bolting the door of the other room. The

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accused Jagat tried to put fire by opening the valve of gas cylinder in the kitchen. When the neighbours of the complainant namely Avtar Singh, his wife and Ranjit Singh tried to save them, they were also given injuries with kirpan blow.

Counsel for the petitioner has also argued that the petitioner was not named in the FIR and he has been nominated on the basis of the subsequent investigation conducted by the police.

Counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that the police has nominated the petitioner on the basis of the CCTV footage, which was obtained from different cameras installed at the locality, however, the petitioner is not clearly visible in the same.

Counsel for the State has, however, opposed the prayer for bail on the ground that there are serious allegations of setting the house of the victim on fire and only 02 ladies were present and even, petrol bombs were thrown and loss of property was caused apart from causing beatings to the persons, who came to rescue the victim. It is also submitted that during the investigation, the petitioner has been found involved in the present case.

After hearing the counsel for the parties, considering the serious allegations levelled against the petitioner, I do not find it to be a fit case to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner and accordingly, the petition is dismissed.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

07.01.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No