

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

CRM-M-7813-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 28.06.2021

Gurjant Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN

Present: Mr. D.D. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Ghuman, DAG, Punjab.

H.S. MADAAN, J.

Case taken up through video conferencing.

Reply as well as custody certificate filed be taken on
record.

This petition for regular bail has been filed by petitioner
Gurjant Singh, an accused in FIR No.200 dated 24.07.2020, for
offences under Sections 307, 34 IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms
Act, registered with Police Station Beas, District Amritsar.

Briefly stated facts of the case as per prosecution story are
that, on 24.07.2020, complainant Ravijot Singh was called by Gurjant
Singh to N.K. Dhaba; when the complainant reached there, then
Himmat Singh having a pistol; petitioner Gurjant Singh also having a
pistol, Jagroop Singh empty handed, Sukh Thathian carrying a datar

attacked him; Gurjant Singh had raised a lalkara that complainant be taught a lesson; Jagroop Singh had caught hold of him and Himmat Singh gave blows with handle of the pistol on head and back of the complainant; Gurjant Singh had fired at complainant with an intention to kill the complainant, causing him injury on left thigh; the complainant fell down, then all the assailants ran away from the spot; the motive for the incident was that, although complainant Ravijot Singh had friendship with Gurjant Singh but an altercation had taken place between them about a week earlier, in which Gurjant Singh had slapped complainant Ravijot Singh and in turn Ravijot Singh had given beatings to Gurjant Singh; on the basis of statement made by complainant Ravijot Singh, formal FIR in the matter was registered and the investigation in the case started; accused Gurjant Singh was arrested in this case.

Petitioner/accused had filed an application for grant of regular bail before the Court of Sessions at Amritsar, which was assigned to Addl. Sessions Judge, Amritsar, who vide order dated 02.12.2020, dismissed the same. As such, he has approached this Court, craving for grant of similar relief, which request is being opposed by learned State counsel.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties besides going through the record.

The petitioner is specifically named in the FIR and he comes out to be the main culprit having fired shot at the complainant

from his pistol, hitting him on his left thigh, in the process, committing a very grave and serious offence. As per custody certificate filed by State counsel, he is involved in two other criminal cases, one of which is under Section 307 IPC and other under Sections 336, 506, 34 IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act. The details of such cases being as under:-

1. FIR No.60/2015, registered with Police Station Khilchian, Amritsar, pending trial.
2. FIR No.56 dated 12.04.2019, registered with Police Station Mehta, Amritsar, pending trial.

The apprehension expressed by the learned State counsel that if granted bail, there is every likelihood of his absconding, in the process delaying the trial and trying to threaten and intimidate the prosecution witnesses cannot be brushed aside lightly, rather, that requires a serious thought. Thus, in view of the detailed discussion above, no ground for grant of regular bail to the petitioner is made out. The petition lacks merit and is dismissed accordingly.

Anything said herein above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

28.06.2021

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(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

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