

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

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CRM-M-8996-2021

Date of decision : 01.09.2021.

Sukhwant Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Varinder Bassa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sidhant Vermani, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.304 dated 11.10.2020, under Sections 307, 323, 427, 148, 149 IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Lopoke, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that 07 persons have been named in the FIR as having fired shots while only a solitary gun shot injury on the stomach of the brother of the complainant namely Satnam Singh, was allegedly caused. The gun shot injury has been caused by .315 bore rifle which is attributed to co-accused while the petitioner was allegedly armed with a revolver. No empty bullet, used in the revolver, has been recovered from the spot. The son of the petitioner namely Daler Singh and the uncle of the petitioner namely Mahender Singh had also received gun shot injuries. He has referred to the copies of the MLR which are annexed as Annexures P-3 and P-4.

This Court, by order dated 18.03.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Gurjeet Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

Learned counsel for the complainant contends that in view of the serious allegations against the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 18.03.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

September 01, 2021

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