

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

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CRM-M-22897-2021

Date of Decision: 24.08.2021

HARPREET SINGH ALIAS LADDI

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Ms. Dhivya Jerath, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ravish Bansal, Advocate for the complainant.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

On 11.06.2021, this Court passed the following order:-

“Petitioner-Harpreet Singh @ Laddi has filed the present petition inter alia with a prayer for direction to the Arresting Officer to release the petitioner on bail forthwith in event of his arrest in case FIR No. 144 dated 08.05.2021 (Annexure P-1) under Sections 341, 323, 324, 307, 506, 148, 149 of IPC 1860 and Section 201 of IPC added later on registered with P.S. Tripuri, Patiala, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present case is a case of version/cross-version. He submits that in fact prima facie it is the case of the petitioner that in fact the complainant party was the aggressor party.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. H.S. Sitta, Asst. A.G. Punjab and Mr. Ravish Bansal, Advocate for the complainant accept notice through video conferencing.

Learned counsel for the complainant, at this stage, submits that in fact in the fight, four persons were injured. He further submits that it is apparent from the contents of the FIR that the petitioner and the other coaccused had planned the said attack on the complainant party.

Faced with this, learned counsel for the petitioner

submits that in order to show his bona fide, the petitioner would deposit Rs. 50,000/- to each of the 4 injured persons toward medical expenses with the Investigating Officer and shall abide by the final order to be passed by the trial Court.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is ready to join the investigation. He submits that because of COVID situation also, retention of the petitioner behind the bars would be dangerous to his life.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case and without recording any opinion, in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the petitioner to join the investigation and appear before the Investigating Officer.

List on 24.08.2021.

Reply, if any, be filed meanwhile.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Arresting/Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) CrPC.

In pursuance to the offer made by his counsel, the petitioner is directed to deposit Rs. 50,000/- to each of the 4 injured persons toward medical expenses with the Investigating Officer, without prejudice to their defence in the trial and shall abide by the final order to be passed by the trial Court. This shall be in addition to other bail bonds/surety that the Investigating Officer may require.”

On an application filed by the petitioner, order dated 11.06.2021 was modified and the amount to be paid by the petitioner towards medical expenses was reduced from Rs.50,000/- to Rs.35,000/- for each of the four injured persons.

Counsel appearing for the complainant admits the fact that four cheques of Rs.35,000/- have been received.

Though no reply has been filed, but learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Charan Singh, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation, he is no longer required for custodial interrogation and he is not involved in any other criminal case.

In view of the said facts, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 11.06.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No