

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

**CRM-M-30150-2021
DECIDED ON: 9th AUGUST, 2021**

LAL SINGH @ BABA LAL SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Kamaljit Singh Dhillon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

[1] The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

[2] This is a petition seeking regular bail in FIR No. 451, dated 15th May, 2020, under Sections 323, 324, 307, 148, 149 and 120-B IPC (Section 302 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala.

[3] The FIR was at the behest of Nirmal Singh. It was alleged that the complainant was rendering services as an attendant in Baba Budha Dal Chhauni Nihang Singh Sultanpur Lodhi where 40/45 Nihangs were also serving. On 14th May, 2020 night, Chaini Singh, Kala Singh, Harjinder Singh alongwith 6/7 more persons were making noise. Kuldeep Singh @ Sewak @ Shaheed restrained them from talking loudly, on which there was a scuffle. There was use of gandasi and swords, injuries were inflicted.

[4] Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is not

named in the FIR. There is no overt act attributed to the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody since 17th March, 2021. He relied upon the fact that the co-accused Paramjit Singh @ Paramjeet Singh was granted interim bail on 16th October, 2020.

[5] Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail. She, on instructions from ASI Hargur Dev submits that petitioner is involved in two more cases and he was the head of Chhauni. She further submits that challan stands presented.

[6] Considering the facts in totality, especially that no recovery is to be made, the investigation is complete, the conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, petitioner is granted bail on furnishing surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

[7] The petition is allowed.

[8] It is clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

9th AUGUST, 2021
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes
Whether reportable No