

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

CRM-M-44060 of 2020

DECIDED ON: 10th MARCH, 2021

Surjit Singh

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. H.P.S. Sidhu, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

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

This petition is filed for grant of anticipatory bail in case of FIR No.133 dated 27.8.2018 under Sections 302, 148, 149, 427 of IPC 1860(Section 307, 201, 380 IPC added later on) and Section 25, 27 of Arms Act, 1959 registered at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

This Court vide order dated 28th December, 2020 granted interim bail subject to joining investigation. The order is reproduced below:

"Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it is in fact a case of cross-version wherein two persons from the side of the complainant had died and one person from the side of the present accused party had lost his life. Learned counsel has submitted that the petitioner is nowhere named in the FIR and he has been nominated as an accused on the basis of a disclosure statement allegedly made by co-accused. It has further been submitted that two other identically situated co-accused namely Taranjit and Gurjinder Singh have already been granted interim bail.

Notice of motion for 10.3.2021.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of 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) Cr.P.C.

To be taken up along with CRM-M-39756-2020."

It is submitted, on instructions from SI Pawan Kumar, by the learned State counsel that the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required. However, it is submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are serious.

As no custodial interrogation is needed, the interim bail granted on 28th December, 2020 is made absolute.

Disposed of accordingly.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

10th MARCH, 2021

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>