

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-50589-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-9.12.2021

Vikrant ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Kumar Yadav, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, DAG, Haryana,
assisted by SI Virender Singh.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.215 dated 06.10.2020 at Police Station Ateli, District Mahendergarh under Sections 148/149/323/307 of Indian Penal Code and Section 25 of Arms Act, wherein offence under Section 120-B IPC was added later on.
2. The FIR in question was lodged at the instance of Sanjeev @ Sanjay, wherein it has been alleged that on 06.10.2020, he alongwith Manoj, Ghanshayam and Jitender were going on car bearing registration No.HR19H-6595, which was being driven by him. It is alleged that at about 4.05 PM, when he parked the car near Kanina Chowk, Ateli Mandi,

Ghanshayam alighted from the car while he was sitting on the driver seat. It is alleged that at that point of time, a Bolero camper car came from the side of Kanina and hit against their car and resultantly their car struck with a fruit Rehri. Thereafter, three more vehicles came there and 20/25 persons alighted from the said vehicles and started firing at them with an intention to kill them. The said persons attacked their car with sticks, *farsi*, iron rod and sword. It is alleged that one bullet hit on the hand of the complainant. While Jitender ran away, Manoj was hit on his hip with a bullet. He also sustained injuries on his head. The complainant identified some of the accused as Deva, Rahul Lamba, Pawan Lamba, Rahul Mandi, Devi Lal Pahari, Pardeep @ Jurat, Shiv Kumar, Rantej and Sonu Titar, Surani, Gourav and Neeraj.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he is nowhere named in the FIR and has been nominated as an accused on the basis of alleged disclosure statements made by some other co-accused namely Vikas, Anurag, Sahil, Ankit, Pardeep and Rantej. It has been submitted that such like disclosure statements cannot be said to be substantive evidence and as such, the petitioner deserves the concession of bail particularly when challan already stands presented.
4. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that since large number of co-accused have consistently named the petitioner to be the accused, who was stated to be carrying a stick and is alleged to have caused injuries to the complainant, no case for grant of bail is made out. Learned State counsel has, however, informed that the petitioner has been behind bars since the last more than 6½ months. Learned State counsel has further informed that the petitioner happens to be involved in 2 more cases.

5. I have considered rival submissions addressed before this Court.
6. Having regard to the fact that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and is alleged to have been nominated on the basis of disclosure statements made by co-accused, the admissibility and veracity of which would be debatable and while noticing the fact that the petitioner has been behind bars since the last more than 6½ months and that challan already stands presented, further detention of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose particularly when trial is yet to commence. The petition, as such, is accepted and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

9.12.2021

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No