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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.3384 of 2022 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 28.01.2022

Pritpal Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN**

**Present:** Mr. Sumeet Goel, Sr. Advocate  
with Mr. Samir Rathaur, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Grewal, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Himmat Singh, Advocate  
for the victim.

Mr. Ashwani Nagra, Advocate  
for the complainant.

**ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)**

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.8 dated 07.01.2022 registered under Sections 148, 149, 323, 325, 326, 427, 452 and 506 IPC at Police Station Saha, District Ambala.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioner has argued that the present FIR is, in fact, a counter-blast to the FIR No.224 dated 17.10.2021 registered under Sections 148, 149, 302, 320 IPC at Police Station Saha, District Ambala, wherein the complainant, Mamraj is the prime accused of causing a murderous assault on one Mandeep Singh. It is further submitted that the complainant and others have already been arrested and challan *qua* them stands presented before the trial Court. It is also submitted that as per the allegations in the present FIR,

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it is stated that at around 08:30 PM, when the complainant along with his brother Ram Parkash Jagpal and Rajinder were talking at the residence of Rajinder and in the meantime, a combine harvesting machine came and it collided with the electricity wires, due to which the electricity wires broke down and the electricity of theirs (complainant's) house went off and there was a verbal spat. In the meantime, the petitioner Pritpal Singh (Sarpanch) reached at the spot and he had a scuffle with the people of Gadariya Community. The complainant stated that the petitioner has called people from outside, who have given injuries to them.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that a perusal of the FIR would reflect that the complainant has not levelled any allegations against the petitioner of causing any injury.

Counsel for the State assisted by counsel for the complainant as well as counsel for the victim has, however, submitted that the petitioner and other persons have caused injuries and even abused the complainant side in the name of their caste.

Counsel for the complainant has referred to a complaint dated 30.10.2021 addressed to higher authorities to submit that the allegations against the petitioner are levelled with regard to the incident, which was occurred at 11:00 PM, however, the version in this complaint seems to be an improvised version as in the FIR, nothing is stated that any incident had taken place at 11:00 PM and it is stated in the FIR that the fight took place at 08:00 PM, when one person namely Mandeep Singh was murdered and in the cross-version, the

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complainant side suffered injuries and the present FIR has been registered after a long delay on 07.01.2022.

After hearing the counsel for the parties, considering the facts and circumstances, it is a case of version and cross-version and it is yet to be ascertained by the trial Court as to who is the aggressor party and also looking into the allegations against the petitioner, I find it to be a fit case to grant the concession of the anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer within a period of 15 days from today to join investigation and he shall be released on interim bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Disposed of.

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)**  
**JUDGE**

**28.01.2022**

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No