

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

CRM-M-39169-2022

Date of decision : 05.09.2022

Lovepreet Singh @ Labhi

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present :- Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, AAG, Punjab.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.210 dated 13.08.2020, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 307/324/323/188/269/270/148/149 of IPC and Sections 25/27 of Arms Act, 1959, Section 3 of Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 and Section 54 of Disaster Management Act, 2005 at Police Station Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. Counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that in fact it was a case of altercation, wherein both the parties suffered injuries and version and cross version were registered. He further submits that it is a case of single gun shot injury and the said fire has been attributed to Beant Singh, who is alleged to have fired from his 12 Bore Double Barrel Gun.

3. Allegation against the petitioner is that he was armed with pistol. It has been further pressed that Amandeep Singh @ Amna, who was also alleged to be armed with pistol alongwith the petitioner has already been granted pre-arrest bail by a Coordinate Bench in CRM-M-38049-2020 vide order dated 17.02.2021. He further submits that alleged pistol already stands recovered from him.

4. Counsel for the State submits that there are serious allegations against the petitioner. However, she is not in a position to dispute the fact that Amandeep Singh @ Anna facing similar allegation has already been granted pre-arrest bail by a Coordinate Bench.
5. Keeping in view the facts that petitioner is in custody since 13.06.2022 and the co-accused who has already been granted pre-arrest bail, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.
6. Needless to say nothing recorded herein shall be construed to be an expression of an opinion on the merits of the case.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No