

206 (1st case)

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

**CRM-M No.54706 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of decision : 14.12.2023**

Harsangat Singh

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Preetinder S. Ahluwalia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L.Pawar, Addl. A.G., Punjab for the respondent.

Ms. Hasan Kaur, Advocate for the complainant.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.76 dated 11.10.2023 (P-1), under Sections 341, 323, 506, 452, 379-B, 148 read with Section 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station, Kheri Gandian, District Patiala.

(2) Above FIR was registered on the basis of statement made by complainant-Amrik Singh with the allegations that petitioner, along with other co-accused, armed with *Sticks*, gave fist, kick & stick blows to the complainant as well as his father-Nirmal Singh. Also alleged that wallets of

both the injured were lost during the scuffle. Further alleged that Gold Chain was snatched by petitioner-Harsangat Singh; whereas his iPhone was taken away by accused Barinder Singh @ Goldy. On raising alarm, accused decamped along with their respective weapons.

(3) This Court, while issuing notice of motion on 02.11.2023, granted interim bail to petitioner and the same reads as under:-

“Contends inter alia that present FIR has been registered on 11.10.2023 i.e. after almost one week as the occurrence had taken place on 03.10.2023.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. C.L.Pawar, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent and seeks time to have instructions and/or file written response in the matter.

Mr. Satvir Singh, Advocate has filed Power of Attorney on behalf of the complainant and seeks time to place on record the copy of MLR.

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In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail in the present case, till the next date of hearing, on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner is also directed to abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973..”

(4) Learned Counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioner has already joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

(5) Learned State Counsel, on instructions from ASI Sewa Singh, submits that petitioner has joined investigation and as on today, his custodial interrogation is not required.

(6) On the other hand, learned Counsel for the complainant vehemently opposed the prayer of petitioner. Since learned State Counsel is not asking for custodial interrogation of petitioner, therefore, the objection raised by learned Counsel for the complainant is overruled; hence, rejected.

(7) In view of above, interim order dated 02.11.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(8) It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

(9) The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the present bail matter.

(10) Disposed off accordingly.

(11) Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

December 14, 2023

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**(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE**

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