

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-6114-2024
Date of Decision:09.02.2024

Laddi Singh ...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab ...Respondent

Coram : Hon’ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present: Mr. D.P.S Bajwa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.PC with a prayer to grant regular bail to him in case FIR No. 25 dated 21.05.2023, registered under Sections 323,341,506,34 of IPC (Sections 307,325 of IPC added later on) Police Station Cheema, District Sangrur.

2. As per allegations levelled by the complainant Kulvir Singh son of Bhagwan Singh, on 20.05.2023, Kulvir Singh and his wife Kiranpal Kaur were talking to each other in their house after taking meals. At about 8.30 p.m., complainant had heard some noise outside of his house. Complainant came outside of his house and he had seen in the street light that Raju Singh armed with stick was present in their lane. Complainant Kulvir Singh asked reason from Raju Singh about his presence. In the meantime, Laddi Singh, their neighbour armed with Gandasi, Janti Singh armed with stick came there and they all the three encircled complainant Kulvir Singh. Kiranpal Kaur wife of complainant also attracted to spot. Then Laddi Singh gave blow with Gandasi

on the head of complainant Kulvir Singh. Complainant in order to rescue himself started running towards chowk side. All the three assailants chased complainant Kulvir Singh and complainant was made to fall on ground at chowk near the house of Hari Singh. At that time, street light was on at that chowk. Then Janti Singh gave blow with stick on the left leg of complainant and he gave another blow on the left thigh of complainant. Raju singh gave blow with stick on the right wrist of complainant. Then Laddi Singh gave continuous blows with Gandasi on the head of complainant. Complainant raised alarm Marta-Marta. The assailants gave more injuries on the person of complainant with their respective weapons and then, they fled away from the spot as people started gathering there. Such assailants might have killed complainant Kulvir Singh, in case he was not rescued by the people gathering at spot. With these broad allegations, the present FIR was registered against the petitioner.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that as per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner had caused an injury with *gandasi* on the head of the complainant, which was declared to be grievous in nature. He further contends that the injured has already been discharged from the hospital long ago. As per him, the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 23.05.2023 and is in custody since then. Learned counsel further submits that the similarly placed co-accused Raju Singh @ Raj Kumar has already been granted the concession of bail by this Court vide order dated 07.11.2023 (Annexure P-4). The final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C has already been presented against him before the competent Court.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed

the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that there are serious allegations against him.

5 I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 23.05.2023 and is in custody since then. Still further, similarly placed co-accused Raju Singh @ Raj Kumar has already been granted the concession of bail by this Court vide order dated 07.11.2023 (Annexure P-4). Thus, further custody of the petitioner will not serve any meaningful purpose.

7. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned.

09.02.2024
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No