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3. It is, *inter alia*, contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. He contends that there is an unexplained delay of 04 days in lodging of the present FIR and a false story has been concocted implicating the petitioner. He further contends that neither anything recovered from the petitioner nor any injury has been attributed to him. He further contends that the petitioner is not having any criminal antecedents and as such prays for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel, while referring to the status report (*supra*), has submitted that the petitioner had specifically been named in the FIR for having caused grievous injuries with sharp edged weapon, on the person of the complainant. He submitted that as per the MLR, 10 injuries which are grievous in nature have been attributed to the petitioner. He submitted that injury No. 1 and 4 are specifically attributed to the present petitioner and the co-accused, namely Maninder Singh. Hence, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required and prays for dismissal of the bail petition.

5. Considering the respective arguments and perusing the record, it transpires that the instant case was registered on the complaint made by the complainant, namely Mandeep Singh @ Kala, who is involved in the business of lottery, to the effect that on 07.12.2023, at about 7.30 P.M. when he was going to the house of his

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friend, namely Talwinder Singh @ Billa on motorcycle and reached near cremation ground at Loham Road near Mudki, Gurdev Singh @ Goli, Gurmail Singh @ Sabhi, both armed with kirpans, Peeta along with the present petitioner, namely Sukhdeep Singh @ Sheru, both armed with khanda, Maninder @ Thana armed with Kappa, along with three unknown persons armed with dangs, came on motor cycles and demanded money from Kamaljit Singh. On being raised a *lalkara*, Peeta son of Tehal Singh gave a khanda blow at the back of the head and another on right arm of the complainant. Gurdev Singh @ Goli gave him a kirpan blow with an intention to kill him on his head which hit his left wrist. Gurmail Singh @ Sabhi along with Sukhdeep Singh @ Sheru and Maninder Singh @ Thana, also gave kirpan and kappa blows on his head and eyebrow near the left ear. The complainant received multiple injuries and became unconscious and was taken to Guru Gobind Singh Medical College, Faridkot for treatment. Hence, the FIR was registered.

6. Considering all the above facts and circumstances, it transpires that the petitioner has been specifically named in the FIR itself and a specific role has been attributed to him qua having attacked the complainant for extorting money. It has come out during investigation that the petitioner had hit the complainant with sharp edged weapon thereby causing grievous injuries to him. The recovery

of weapon of offence is yet to be effected for which the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required.

7. Therefore, considering the nature and gravity of the offence, no case is made out in favour of the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail. As a consequence, instant petition stands dismissed.

8. It is made clear that anything contained here in above shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

i)	Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
ii)	Whether reportable?	Yes/No