

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.18235 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 19.04.2024

Akashdeep Singh
..... Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab
..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present:- Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab for the respondent.

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.0312 dated 04.12.2023, under Sections 452, 323, 506, 148 read with Section 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Sections 302, 307, 324, IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Jandiala, District Amritsar (Rural).

(2) Above FIR was registered on the basis of statement made by complainant-Ranjit Kaur @ Neetu with the allegations that petitioner along with co-accused, armed with *Datar*, *Kirpan*, baseball bat & *Dangs*, caused multiple injuries to the complainant party, due to which, one Kuldeep Singh died on 05.12.2023.

- (3) Learned Counsel for the petitioner contends that he has been falsely implicated in the present case. Also contends that petitioner is ready to join the investigation; but he be protected.
- (4) *Per contra*, learned State Counsel on instructions opposed the bail while submitting that petitioner along with other co-accused, armed with deadly weapons, caused injuries to the complainant party, leading to the death of one Kuldeep Singh.
- (5) Heard learned Counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.
- (6) There are specific allegations regarding the presence of petitioner at the time of alleged occurrence. Thus, *prima facie*, it is established that petitioner participated in the alleged crime. In such a scenario, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is very much required for thorough investigation and to find out the true facts.
- (7) In view of the above, there is no option except to dismiss the petition.
- (8) Ordered accordingly.
- (9) The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case.
- (10) Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

19th April, 2024
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No