



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.25931 of 2024

Date of decision: 21st August, 2024

Jagdeep Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Kuljit S. Bal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, Dy. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

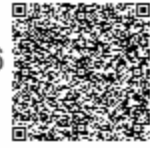
Mr. Rajan S. Dadwal, Advocate for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.67 dated 06.05.2023 for the offences under Sections 307, 323, 506, 427 IPC and 27 of Arms Act registered at Police Station Sadar Jagraon District Ludhiana Rural.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 25.07.2024, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation on the basis of following submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on 22.05.2024:

“On a pointed query put to the learned counsel as to how the second anticipatory bail is maintainable, he has submitted that it is in fact a case of version and cross-version; it was the complainant party comprising of as many as 20 persons, all armed with lethal weapons, which



attacked the petitioner when he was all by himself working in his fields. On being surrounded by 20 people, and on being attacked, he fired in self defence leading to the complainant's side receiving fire arm injuries. Learned counsel has submitted that though a statement had also been made by the petitioner qua the occurrence in question, however, his version was disbelieved by the investigating agency. Learned counsel has further submitted that after the registration of FIR in question, one of the neighbours of the petitioner, who was present in his fields, took a video of the entire occurrence, which was then handed over to the investigating agency; an inquiry was then carried out by the police and the video footage was sent to the FSL; the FSL report received corroborates the version of the petitioner that it was the complainant side, which had initiated the occurrence in question. Learned counsel has asserted that thus, it was evident that the petitioner had fired at the opposite side in self defence. In support, learned counsel has drawn the attention of this Court to the inquiry report, which has been annexed as Annexure P-5."

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 25.07.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Surjit Singh, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further



instructions submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

5. In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 25.07.2024 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./Section 482(2) BNSS. Needless to say, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to him, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to him.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

August 21, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No