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

CRM-M-42034-2024

Date of Decision:- 04.10.2024

KARANDEEP SINGH

....Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Mansur Ali, Advocate, Mr. Tushar Madaan, Advocate and
Mr. Amarpreet Kooner, Advocate for petitioner.

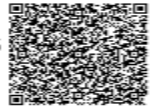
Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

Mr.G.S Dhillon, Advocate for the complainant.

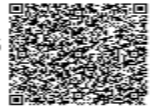
AMARJOT BHATTI, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner – Karandeep Singh has filed the instant petition under Section 482 of BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.142 dated 15.07.2024 under Sections 126 (2), 115 (2), 125, 351 (3), 324 (4), 191 (3), 190 of BNS, 2023 and Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959 registered at Police Station Phase-1, District SAS Nagar (Annexure P-1).

2. As per the facts of the case complainant Gurpratap Singh Sohi gave his statement that he is working in Computer System West Private Limited Company, Plot No.D91, Industrial Area Phase-1, Mohali as a

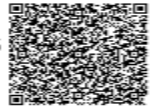


broker. His duty hours are from 5.30 pm to 2.30 am. On 12.07.2024 as per his routine, he was going back home at about 2.30 am in his Honda Civic Car bearing No.CH-04-9995. When he reached near Sky Lark, Plot No.D-154, Industrial Area Phase-7, Mohali, a Fortuner car came in front of him and its driver rashly drove the car and made a cut and after going little ahead he stopped his vehicle. On this he also stopped his vehicle and asked the driver of Fortuner vehicle as to how he was driving his vehicle. Driver of Fortuner vehicle abused him. He got down from his car and verbal arguments took place. Person driving Fortuner vehicle called someone telephonically and within few minutes 10-15 persons came from Sky Lark Company out of which 3-4 persons encircled him and started beating him. A scuffle took place and one of the person ran away towards his vehicle and took out a pistol and after loading the pistol pointed it towards him. Out of fear he raised his hands, other persons started giving punches on his face and forehead. He requested them to leave him but person who was driving Fortuner vehicle threatened him and told him to kneel down. He took out iron rod and gave a blow towards him but he managed to escape. He saved himself by hiding in the park of Industrial Area, Phase-7. Said persons kept on looking for him. He called on 112 and the vehicle of PCR reached there but could not get his location. He called his brother Gurprakash Singh who came and he left the spot by accompanying his brother. They came to Police Station Mataur and reached the spot in PCR vehicle. They noted that his vehicle was damaged. He was admitted in IVY Hospital, Sector-71, Mohali for treatment. Said person came out with intention to kill him and caused injuries. With these allegations, present FIR has been lodged.



3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that allegations levelled against him are false. Petitioner is IT professional and running his firm Virtual Aplousin situated at Phase-VIII, Mohali. On 13.07.2024 at wee hours he was going to meet his friend Atinder Pal Singh at his office at M/s Nyxgen Transition, Phase-VII, Mohali. Complainant was under the influence of intoxicants and tried to pick up a fight with petitioner to which he avoided. Petitioner did not engage himself in any fight with complainant and came towards his destination i.e. office of Atinder Pal Singh. It was complainant who stopped and manhandled him and in return he called his friend Atinder Pal Singh who saved him from the clutches of complainant. Pen-drive showing occurrence is Annexure P-3. Petitioner had informed police. Atinder Pal Singh also filed anticipatory bail bearing CRM-M-34723-2024 and order dated 22.07.2024 is Annexure P-4. Complainant also filed one petition seeking fair and impartial investigation by filing CRM-M-34982-2024 titled as Gurpratap Singh Sohi Vs. State of Punjab which is Annexure P-5. Present petitioner is always ready and willing to join the investigation. Therefore, his anticipatory bail application may be allowed.

4. Bail application is opposed by learned counsel representing State. Status report has been filed. During inquiry, it was found that person who was driving Fortuner vehicle was the present petitioner Karandeep Singh. Preliminary inquiry was conducted in which present petitioner and Atinder Pal Singh were associated. CCTV footage was also perused. It is alleged that when complainant escaped from the spot of occurrence gun shots were fired. Investigation is under progress and efforts were being made to apprehend the present petitioner.



5. Bail application is strongly opposed by the counsel for the complainant and still photographs of CCTV footage and treatment record of complainant is also produced on record.

6. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record. Along with bail application, petitioner has annexed pen-drive showing CCTV footage regarding the manner in which occurrence took place. Still photographs are Annexure P-3. Counsel for complainant has also placed on record photographs of CCTV footage as well as photographs of complainant showing seat of injuries as well as the record of IVY Hospital, Mohali. I have also seen CCTV footage in pen-drive which shows that boy driving Fortuner vehicle stopped his vehicle at one side of the road and after crossing the road he was going towards building when the complainant came and stopped his car in the middle of the road and started altercation with the boy who was driving the Fortuner vehicle and from there the matter got aggravated and the occurrence took place. Present petitioner or the complainant were not having previous enmity. Occurrence took place due to road rage. As per record pistol is already handed over to the police on 14.07.2024. Present petitioner is ready to join the investigation whereas co-accused Atinder Pal Singh has also joined investigation in terms of order dated 22.07.2024 passed in CRM-M-34723-2024.

7. In light of aforesaid factual position, no purpose would be served by sending petitioner behind the bars when he himself is ready to join the investigation. Therefore, without expressing anything on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail filed by petitioner is allowed. In case petitioner is arrested, he be released on bail to the satisfaction of Arresting



Officer/Investigating Officer subject to the condition that petitioner will join investigation as and when required. He will not tamper with or interfere with the investigation and will not leave the country without prior permission as provided under Section 482 (2) of BNSS.

8. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly.

04.10.2024
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(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No.
Whether reportable: Yes/No