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

CRM-M-2716-2025

Date of Decision: 12.05.2025

RANJEET SINGH ALIAS RANA

...PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

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

Present : Mr. Abhaysher Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 483 of BNSS with a prayer to grant regular bail to him in case FIR No.032 dated 03.05.2024, registered under Sections 323, 336, 427, 148 & 149 of IPC & Sections 25/54/59 Arms Act, Police Station City Zira, District Ferozepur.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that as per the allegations levelled by the complainant, the petitioner alongwith his co-accused had come at the spot and had fired shots on the complainant. However, the complainant did not suffer any fire arm injury. As per the prosecution, the complainant had suffered four injuries on his person with blunt weapon and all four injuries have been opined to be simple in nature. The petitioner was



arrested in the present case on 03.09.2024 and is in custody for the last about 08 months. The challan has already been presented against him. Moreover, two co-accused namely Samol Singh and Gurwinder Singh @ Ginda have been granted the concession of anticipatory bail vide orders Annexures P-4 and P-5 passed by the Court of Sessions Judge, Ferozepur.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner is involved in four more cases and is a hardened criminal and he does not deserve the concession of bail by this Court.

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

5. No doubt the petitioner is found involved in 04 other criminal cases, but the same is not the ground to deny the concession of bail to the petitioner, specially when he has been able to make out a case for grant of bail in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the present case. Reliance can also be placed in the matter of ***Prabhakar Tewari Vs. State of U.P., and another 2020(1) R.C.R. (Criminal) 831*** in which the Hon'ble Supreme Court has held that the pendency of several criminal cases against the accused cannot be the basis to refuse the prayer of bail. Similar observations have been made by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of ***Maulana Mohd. Amir Rashadi Vs. State of U.P., and another 2012(1) R.C.R. (Criminal) 586***.

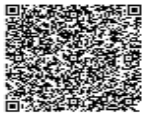
6. In the present case, the petitioner was arrested on 03.09.2024 and is in custody for the last about 08 months. The challan has already been presented against the petitioner and the injured in the present case has been



discharged long ago. Thus, further custody of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose.

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

- (i) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case, so as to dissuade him to disclose such facts to the Court or to any other authority.*
- (ii) The petitioner shall remain present before the Court on the dates fixed for hearing of the case.*
- (iii) The petitioner shall not absent himself from the Court proceedings except on the prior permission of the Court concerned.*
- (iv) The petitioner shall surrender his passport, if any, (if already not surrendered), and in case he is not holder of the same, he shall swear an affidavit to that effect.*
- (v) The petitioner shall also file his affidavit before the concerned Court, mentioning his ordinary place of residence and number of mobile phone, which shall be used by him during the pendency of the trial. In case of change of place of residence/mobile number, he shall share the details with the concerned Court/learned Trial Court.*
- (vi) In case, the petitioner is involved in any other criminal activity, during the pendency of the trial, it shall be viewed seriously.*
- (vii) The concerned Court may insist on two heavy local sureties and may also impose any other condition, in accordance with law, while accepting the bails bonds and surety bonds of the petitioner.*



8. In case, the petitioner violates any of the conditions mentioned above, it shall be viewed seriously and the concession of bail granted to him shall be liable to be cancelled and the prosecution shall be at liberty to move an application in this regard.

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(N.S. SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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