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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-7942-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 13.02.2025

Gagandeep Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

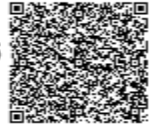
Present: Mr. Sukhjit Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.45 dated 26.05.2024 under Sections 302, 148, 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (now Sections 103(2), 191(3), 190 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023), registered at Police Station Sudhar, District Ludhiana (Rural).
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR (*supra*) and his identity as one of the

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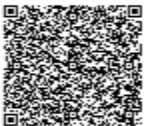
assailants is doubtful. Further, no specific role has been attributed to the petitioner and he has been wrongly shown as Maingal Singh. It is further contended that it is a case of version and cross-version and there is a delay of 24 hours in registration of FIR (*supra*), which creates a serious dent on the case set up by the prosecution.

3. *Per contra*, learned State counsel appears on advance notice and opposes the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner on the ground that FIR (*supra*) was registered on 26.05.2024 and the petitioner is absconding and he had actively participated in committing the murder of Gurwinder Singh. The petitioner and co-accused Jasjeet Singh @ Jass are the main accuseds. The petitioner exhorted co-accused and he also tried to run over the deceased under his tractor. As such, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required and he is involved in four more cases.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record of the case with their able assistance.

5. The FIR (*supra*) was registered on 26.05.2024 and since then, the petitioner is absconding and as such, his custodial interrogation is imperative to conduct proper investigation.

6. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and the allegations levelled against the petitioner, without commenting further on merits of the case, lest it may prejudice the rights of either of the parties, this



Court finds no ground to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, present petition is dismissed.

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[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No