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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.9459 of 2025  
Date of Decision: 24.02.2025

Lakhan ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

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

Ms. Swati Batra, DAG, Punjab,  
for the respondent-State.

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MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (For short “BNSS”) seeking regular bail in the FIR mentioned below:-

| FIR No. | Dated      | Police Station                | Sections                      |
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| 643     | 13.12.2023 | Division 7, District Ludhiana | 379-B (2) read with 34 of IPC |

2. As per the allegations, as on 13.12.2023, the complainant along with his employees Om Prakash and Ravi was present in his dairy when two youths reached there on motorbike. The pillion rider took out a dagger from his pocket and by pointing the same towards Om Prakash, demanded money. Om Prakash refused to give him any money and then

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that youth struck blow with dagger on the head of Om Prakash. Om Prakash raised clamour and then both of them tried to flee but were apprehended. The petitioner who was the driver of the vehicle disclosed his name and particulars. The investigation has since been concluded and the petitioner along with the co-accused is facing trial for commission of offence punishable under Section 379-B (2) read with Section 34 of IPC.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He is in custody since 13.12.2023. He has clean antecedents. The investigation has been concluded. Trial will take time. The ingredients for commission of offence punishable under Section 379-B of IPC has not been attributed as nothing has been snatched by the petitioner. With these broad submissions, it is urged that he deserves to be released on bail.

4. Ms. Swati Batra, DAG, Punjab has advance notice of the petition. She has placed on record custody certificate as well as medico legal report of the injured Om Prakash. She is ready to argue the matter and has submitted that there are grave allegations against the petitioner. He was arrested from the spot itself. Therefore, it is urged that he does not deserve to be released on bail.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length and have gone through the record.

6. The petitioner along with the main co-accused is alleged to have made an attempt to commit offence of snatching. The co-accused was

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alleged to have assaulted the victim Om Prakash. He is in custody since 13.12.2023. The trial will take time since even charges have not been framed so far. The petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents. His further detention will not serve any useful purpose. In view of the above discussed facts but without meaning to make any comment on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to bail subject to his furnishing personal as well as surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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(MANISHA BATRA)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |