



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

CRM-M-10899-2025

Date of Decision: 04.03.2025

Manjit Singh Bhangu

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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

Present : Mr. Harinder Pal Singh Ishar, Advocate, for the petitioner.
 Mr. Deepinder Singh Brar, Senior DAG, Punjab.
 Mr. Amardeep Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with a prayer to grant regular bail to him in case FIR No.326 dated 19.12.2024 registered under Sections 115(2), 118(1), 118(2), 3(5), 238 of BNS (Section 238 of BNS added later on), at Police Station Jandiala, Amrisar Rural.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely involved in a case, which was registered after a delay of more than 01 month and 10 days. As per allegations levelled by the complainant, the petitioner was allegedly armed with a *kirpan* and had inflicted injuries on the left elbow of the complainant and the said injury has been declared to be grievous in nature. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 26.12.2024 and is in custody for the last more than two months. He further contends that the investigation in the present case has been concluded and the prosecution has not been able to examine even a



single witness so far. Thus, further custody of the petitioner will not serve any meaningful purpose.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant have vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that a specific role has been assigned to the petitioner and in case, the concession of bail is extended to him, he may threaten the witness.

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

5. In the present case, no doubt the petitioner has been assigned a specific role in the FIR and the injury, which was allegedly caused by him, has been declared to be grievous in nature, but this Court cannot overlook the fact that the petitioner is in custody for the last over two months. The injured has already been discharged from the hospital and she is stated to be hale and hearty. The trial is still at the nascent stage and is not likely to conclude in near further.

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

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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