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

CRM-M-17600-2024

Date of decision: 20.01.2025

Raghav Sharma

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Vikram Bishnoi, Advocate for
Mr. Mandeep K. Saajan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Deol, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Mohinder Kumar, Advocate, for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of Cr.P.C., in case FIR No.0069, dated 22.03.2024, under Sections 324, 506, 148, 149 of IPC (Section 326 IPC added lateron), registered at Police Station Kharar, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

On 23.04.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had directed that no coercive steps be taken against the petitioner till the adjourned date:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there was CCTV footage, wherein it stood reflected that it was the complainant party, which had initiated the occurrence in question and injured the petitioner and non-applicant-Ninja.”

On 25.09.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation:-

“On a pointed query put to the learned State counsel as to the nature and seat of injury attributed to the petitioner, he, on instructions, has submitted that the petitioner has been attributed a grievous injury on the right hand of the complainant with a *datar*. On a further query as to whether the petitioner has any previous criminal antecedents, learned State counsel, on instructions, has replied in the negative.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 25.09.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 25.09.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

January 20, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No