



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

208/4

CRM-M-21228-2025(O&M)
Date of Decision: 20.05.2025

Lovepreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Abdul Aziz, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 17 dated 29.02.2024, under Sections 323, 341, 324, 506, 148 read with Section 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC') [Section 325 and 326 IPC added later on], registered at Police Station Amargrh, District Malerkotla.

2. Allegations are that petitioner along with co-accused formed an unlawful assembly; in prosecution of their common object, they inflicted injuries on the person of *de facto*-complainant with their respective weapons and criminally intimidated him with dire consequences.



3. Contends that petitioner was granted interim bail by this Court on 24.04.2025 and in pursuance thereof, he has already joined investigation; hence, his custodial interrogation is not required.

4. The above factual position is not disputed by learned State Counsel and on instructions from ASI-Pargat Singh submits that his custodial interrogation is not required at this stage.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

6. It transpires that petitioner was granted interim protection by this Court on 24.04.2025 and the order reads as under:-

“Contends that co-accused Jashandeep Singh @ Jashan and Karanpreet Singh with similar allegations have already been granted interim protection by this Court, vide orders dated 02.04.2025 & 07.04.2025, passed in CRM-M-Nos.17968 & 19359 of 2025 (P-3 & P-4, respectively). Also contends that there is no other criminal case against the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. T.P.S.Walia, learned AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent; seeks time to have instructions and/or to file written response in the matter.

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In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer; but he be not arrested till the next date of hearing.

To be heard along with CRM-M-17968-2025.”



7. It is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioner has joined investigation and as on today, his custodial interrogation is not required.

8. In view of the above, there is no justification to deny the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Consequently, present petition is allowed; interim order dated 24.04.2025 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS.

9. It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

10. The above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the bail matter.

11. It is also clarified that in case of any recurrence on the part of petitioner, State would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for recalling of this order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

20.05.2025
Harish Kumar

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

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