



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

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CRM-M-33764-2025

Date of decision: 2nd July, 2025

Harjinder Singh @ Jinda

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

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

Ms. Himani Arora, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking grant of anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No. 24 dated 05.03.2025 registered under Sections 333, 303(2), 115(2), 324(2), 191(3) and 190 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS') at Police Station City Jalalabad, District Fazilka.

2. The aforementioned FIR has been registered on the basis of statement recorded by the complainant Satnam Singh, alleging therein that on the night of 04.03.2025, he was going on his *Activa* vehicle towards the house of his relative Balwinder Singh, when the petitioner and the co-accused, while being armed with weapons, intercepted him and opened an assault upon him after raising a *lalkara*. Feeling scared, he entered into the house of Balwinder Singh by increasing the speed of his vehicle but the



assailants entered therein and extended beatings to him and inflicted injuries to him with their respective weapons. Akashdeep s/o Balwinder Singh and some other persons rushed for his rescue but they too sustained injuries at the hands of the culprits. The culprits also caused damage to the house of Harjinder Singh and snatched a silver chain from the neck of Akashdeep. The injured persons were admitted to the hospital. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings have been initiated and are underway. Apprehending his arrest, present petitioner had moved an application for grant of pre-arrest bail before the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Fazilka, which was dismissed vide order dated 16.06.2025.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. The co-accused have since been extended benefit of bail. His custodial interrogation is not required. It is, therefore, urged that he deserves to be extended benefit of pre-arrest bail.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, has advance notice of the petition and is ready to argue the matter. It is submitted by her that the petitioner is a man of criminal antecedents since as many as seven criminal cases have been registered against him. He had snatched chain from the neck of Akashdeep after causing injuries to the victims. Recovery of the said chain is to be effected from him. His case is not on parity with the co-accused, who have been extended benefit of anticipatory bail. Therefore, it is urged that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

6. Rival contentions raised by both the parties have been considered.



7. The petitioner by forming a membership of an unlawful assembly, is alleged to have criminally trespassed into the house of Balwinder Singh and caused injuries to the complainant and some other persons. As per the allegations, he snatched a silver chain from the neck of Akashdeep. Allegations against him are specific in nature. No extra ordinary or sparing circumstance has even otherwise been made out for the purpose of extending benefit of bail to the petitioner. For conducting thorough investigation in the matter and for eliciting the truth about the manner, in which the subject offences had been committed by him, his custodial interrogation is required. No extra ordinary or sparing circumstance has even otherwise been made out for the purpose of extending benefit of bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, I see no reason to allow the petition and hence, the same is dismissed.

8. It is, however, clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

9. Since the main petition has been dismissed, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

2nd July, 2025

Parveen Sharma

1. *Whether speaking/ reasoned*
2. *Whether reportable*

: *Yes / No*
: *Yes / No*