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

**CRM-M No.37547 of 2025
Date of Decision: 22.07.2025**

Chanpreet Singh @ Charanpreet Singh @ Karan Arora

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

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

Mr. Raj Karan Singh, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed praying for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.49 dated 01.05.2024 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 379-B(2), 323, 148, 149 of IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Sarabha Nagar, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana.

3. Succinctly the facts of the case are that FIR in the present case was got registered on the statement of complainant, namely, Jagjit Singh. It was alleged that he drives private vehicle on part time basis and also does work of dropping people on his motorcycle make Hero Splender Mark color black PB91T 3461. On 20.04.2024, a ride was booked by the name of Softi Malhotra. He went to pick up the passenger and found one more person standing with Softi Malhotra. On asking, he took her as a pillion rider on his



motorcycle. However, on reaching the destination when he asked for the payment, she created a dispute and called some boys. Then 8-9 boys came there on Aactiva and motorcycle and they started beating him. They snatched his mobile phone, cash and one silver chain and took away his motorcycle. A request was made to take legal action against the accused. On registration of the FIR, investigation commenced. During investigation, the complicity of the petitioner was found and thus, he was arrayed as an accused in the present case and was arrested on 31.08.2024. The petitioner approached the Court of learned Sessions Judge, Ludhiana, praying for grant of regular bail. However, after hearing both the sides, the learned Sessions Court, Ludhiana, finding no merit in the same, dismissed the bail application filed by the petitioner vide order dated 28.01.2025. Hence being aggrieved, the petitioner is before this Court by way of filing the present petition praying for the grant of bail.

4. It has been contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has been falsely and frivolously roped in the present case. He has submitted that the ride was booked in the name of co-accused/Softi Malhotra, who has already been granted anticipatory bail by the learned trial Court. He has submitted that the petitioner is behind bars since the date of his arrest, i.e. 31.08.2024, however, there is no material progress in the trial. He has submitted that the investigation is complete and challan has already been presented. He has further submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents and the alleged injury has only been attributed to Tirath Singh, however, the same was found to be simple in nature. He has submitted that co-accused, namely, Tirath Singh, Reshav @ Vishal @ Shaly and Prince Singh have already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 21.07.2025



passed in CRM-M No.62487 of 2024, CRM-M No.301 of 2025 and CRM-M No.4435 of 2025 and thus the case of petitioner is at par with that of the co-accused. Thus, he has submitted that in view of the facts and circumstances of the case, the petitioner deserves to be granted bail.

5. Per contra, learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner. He has submitted that the petitioner in conspiracy with each other had not only given beating to the complainant but he has also snatched his motorcycle, smart phone and cash. He has further submitted that only the challan has been presented so far. He has endorsed the fact the case of the petitioner is at par with that of the co-accused. He, on instructions, has submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents.

6. After hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the petitioner is behind bars since the date of his arrest, i.e. 31.08.2024. Co-accused, Softi Malhotra, on whose name the ride was booked, has already been granted concession of anticipatory bail by the Court below and the co-accused, namely, Tirath Singh, Reshav @ Vishal @ Shaly and Prince Singh have already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 21.07.2025 passed in CRM-M No.62487 of 2024, CRM-M No.301 of 2025 and CRM-M No.4435 of 2025. Investigation is complete. The petitioner is not involved in any other case.

7. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after the conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court. This Court would refrain itself from commenting anything on the merits of the case. The trial of the case will take sufficient long time. Thus, keeping in view the arguments raised by both the sides, this Court



is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioner succeeds in making out a case for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on parity.

8. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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