



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

**206**

**CRM-M No.59681 of 2024**

**Date of decision: 10.01.2025**

**SUKHBIR SINGH SIDHU @ SUKHBIR SINGH @ SONU .... Petitioner**

**Versus**

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

**.... Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present : Mr. Gulam Nabi Malik, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab.

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**MANISHA BATRA, J. (oral)**

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.82 dated 06.11.2024 registered under Sections 304, 115(2), 324(4), 324(5), 351(1), 351(3), 191(3) and 190 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short-'BNS'), at Police Station City Raikot, District Ludhiana (Rural).

2. Vide order dated 28.11.2024, passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation. Order dated 28.11.2024, passed by this Court, reads as under:

*“The present petition has been filed by the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.82 dated 06.11.2024 registered under Sections 304, 115(2), 324(4), 324(5), 351(1), 351(3), 191(3) and 190 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short-'BNS'), at Police Station City Raikot, District Ludhiana (Rural).*

*As per the prosecution case, on 06.11.2024, the complainant- Rohit Arora got recorded his statement alleging therein that on*



03.11.2024, he along with his brother-in-law namely, Vinay Chawla was present on his shop when 9-10 youths reached there on two vehicles. They had muffled their faces, however, the complainant recognised them and petitioner was one of them, he was carrying a baseball bat in his hand. They opened an attack upon him and damaged CCTV camera installed on his shop. They extended beatings to him and caused injuries to him with their weapons. Accused Karan Singh snatched his gold chain from his neck. The money kept in the cash counter had been taken by them. He was then rushed to the hospital. Only 2-3 persons were not known to him amongst the assailants. He also stated that the petitioner and other co-accused owed money to him and as he had been demanding the same, he was assaulted by them. After registration of the FIR, investigation proceedings have been initiated and are underway. Apprehending his arrest, the petitioner had moved an application for pre-arrest bail which has been dismissed by the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana vide order dated 20.11.2024.

It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. In fact, on the same day, 2 FIRs were got registered against him at the behest of local M.L.A who was having some dispute with his father. The allegations against him are not specific and are vague. He is ready to join investigation. His custodial interrogation is not required. No useful purpose would be served by detaining him in custody. Therefore, it is urged that he deserves to be extended benefit of bail.

Notice of motion.



*Learned State counsel who has appeared on advance notice of the petition, seeks time to file status report in the matter.*

*Adjourned to 10.01.2025.*

*In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer to join investigation within one week or as and when subsequently required thereafter. In the event of his arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on ad-interim bail subject to his/her satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.”*

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation and recovery of stick used at the time of occurrence had been effected from him. He is not required for custodial interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the above mentioned facts and circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 28.11.2024, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to compliance of usual terms and conditions requisite for grant of anticipatory bail.

(MANISHA BATRA)  
JUDGE

10.01.2025  
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No.  
Whether reportable : Yes/No