



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

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**CRM-M-15962-2026 (O&M)
Decided on: 24.03.2026**

MOHAN SINGH**.....Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****.....Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA****Present:** Mr. Mukesh Verma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anup Singh, AAG, Punjab.

**********SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)**

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS, 2023 seeking grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.54 dated 28.05.2025 under Sections 115(2), 118(1), 351(2), 190 & 191(3) of BNS registered at Police Station City Zira, District Ferozepur.

2. As per the FIR, an auction was held for cultivation of land belonging to Gurudwara Sahib in presence of Gurudwara Management Committee and village Panchayat. Both the complainant and the petitioner participated in the auction. Initially, the petitioner won the bid for part of the land, but he failed to deposit the required lease amount. Because of this, his bid was cancelled by the Gurdwara Management Committee. After cancellation, the land was auctioned again and given to the complainant, who deposited the required amount. Later, a dispute arose between the complainant and the petitioner regarding the same



matter in favour of the complainant and confirmed that the land had been validly allotted to him. After this, the petitioner along with five named accused and 3–4 unknown persons allegedly formed an unlawful assembly and attacked the complainant. The petitioner was armed with a *kirpan*, attacked the complainant with the *kirpan*, causing an incised wound on the complainant's left arm.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner is an agriculturist having clean & clear antecedents and is not involved in any criminal activity; the dispute between the parties is civil in nature pertaining to land; there is an inordinate delay of eleven days in lodging of FIR as the incident is alleged to have occurred on 17.05.2025 and the FIR is registered on 28.05.2025; injuries attributed in the present FIR are simple in nature; the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Anup Singh, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepted notice on behalf of respondent-State and opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner while submitting that the main allegation is against the present petitioner who was armed with a *kirpan* at the time of the alleged occurrence and has given a *kirpan* blow on the left arm of the complainant. He however does not dispute the fact that alleged offences *qua* the present petitioner are triable by the Magistrate and the maximum sentence for the said offences is upto 03 years. He also submitted that the petitioner is having clean & clear antecedents.



6. Heard.

7. Keeping in view the contentions made by learned counsel for the parties and the fact that the injuries caused in the present case simple in nature and the offences in the present FIR are triable by the Magistrate and the maximum punishment for the alleged offences provided under the relevant provisions of law is 03 years; the petitioner is having clean & clear antecedents and is not involved in any other case except the present case; the present petition is **disposed of** with a direction to the petitioner to join the investigation, as and when required by the Investigating Officer and as the offences in the present case are punishable upto 03 years, the Investigating Officer is directed to follow the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Arnesh Kumar vs. State of Bihar and Another (2014), 8 SCC 273* and *Satender Kumar Antil v. CBI, (2022) 10 SCC 51*.

8. The present petition stands disposed of.

(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

24.03.2026

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/NO
Whether Reportable: YES/NO