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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-21158-2026
Date of Decision : 18.05.2026

Gulzar Singh @ Guljar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Nirmaljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Gulzar Singh @ Guljar, aged about 35 years	91	26.05.2025	118(1)/115(2)/191 (3)/190 of BNS (Section 117(2) of BNS added later on) (corresponding to Sections 324/323/148/149 and section 325 of IPC)	Nihal Singh Wala	Moga

2. On 20.04.2026, following order was passed:-

“2. Injured/complainant, namely Sumit Kumar, got the FIR registered stating that, along with him, his maternal grandmother (Nani) namely Satto Devi, and his maternal uncle (Mama) namely Shubham, also sustained injuries at the hands of the accused persons.



3. As per the allegations, during the occurrence at about 9:00/10:00 PM, the accused persons inflicted injuries in the following manner:-

- . Laddi allegedly inflicted a sword blow on the forehead of the complainant, Sumit Kumar;
- . Gulzar Singh (petitioner herein) allegedly inflicted a blow with an iron rod on the right shoulder of the complainant;
- . Laddi again allegedly inflicted a sword blow on the left hand of Satto Devi (maternal grandmother of the complainant);
- . One unidentified person allegedly inflicted a danda blow on the left knee of Satto Devi;
- . Kulbir Singh allegedly inflicted a blow with an iron rod on the left shoulder of the complainant;
- . Another unidentified person allegedly inflicted a danda blow on the right hand of Shubham.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is further submitted that there is no explanation for the delay of three days in lodging the FIR, as the occurrence is stated to have taken place on 23.05.2025, whereas FIR was registered on 26.05.2025.

It is further submitted that injury attributed to the petitioner-Gulzar Singh, is simple in nature and is stated to be on a non-vital part of the body.

5. Learned counsel also submits that similarly situated co-accused, namely Mandeep Singh and Rajinder Singh, have already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court, vide orders dated 30.09.2025 (passed in CRM-M-38833-2025) and 30.03.2026 (passed in CRM-M-10926-2026), respectively (Annexures P-3 and P-4).

It is also submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation and to fully cooperate with the investigating agency, in the event he is granted protection from arrest by this Court. Thus, learned counsel prays for grant of the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

6. Notice of motion.

7. On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, learned Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, appears on behalf of the respondent-State and submits that injured-Satto Devi, has refused to undergo X-ray examination; therefore, no medical opinion could be rendered by the concerned doctors.

However, learned State counsel submits that, for the purpose of effecting recovery, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required.

8. Adjourned to 18.05.2026.

9. Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

10. Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court”.

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 20.04.2026 passed by this Court,



petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, he prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 20.04.2026 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

May 18, 2026

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