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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 11.03.2025

GURCHARN RAM

..... PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Ferry Sofat, Advocate and
Mr. Tarun Deora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Satjot Singh Chahal, AAG, Punjab.

Dr. Sumati Jund, Advocate
for the complainant.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking grant of anticipatory bail in FIR no. 224, dated 16.10.2024, registered under Sections 221, 109, 132, 191 (3), 190 BNS, 2023 and Sections 132 and 134 of the Representation of The People Act, 1951 at Police Station Patran, District Patiala.

2. As per the allegations in the FIR, at the time of Panchayati Elections for the post of Sarpanch held on 15.10.2024, there was a commotion outside the polling station at village Chicharwala *alias* Karim



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Nagar. The petitioner was leading the mob which started pelting stones on the police officers, and two of them namely Sub Inspector Yashpal and Assistant Sub Inspector Karnail Singh were hit; the former suffered five blunt injuries, and the latter suffered one.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. Although he was present at the site but allegations of pelting stones on the police officers are false. In fact, the police lathi-charged the persons present there.

4. Learned State counsel, on the contrary, contends that there are video recordings of the incident available, wherein the petitioner can be seen leading the mob and pelting the stones at the police officers. Besides, he is a history-sheeter as ten other FIRs are pending against him, details of the same have been given in the status report, dated 30.11.2024, filed by the respondent-State. His custody is needed by the investigating agency.

5. Keeping in view the facts aforementioned and the nature of allegations against the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to entertain this petition as his custodial interrogation will be required to complete the investigation.

6. Dismissed.

7. Pending miscellaneous application(s) also stand(s) disposed of.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

11.03.2025

Seema

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*