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

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**CRM-M-15470-2025
Date of decision: 22.04.2025**

MALKEET SINGH ALIAS KEETA**....Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH**

Present : Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh, 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 & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
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2. On 20.03.2025, following order was passed:-

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2. *Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that present FIR was got lodged at the instance of injured Gursahib Singh itself, who call the name of the assailants. It is explained that the injured learnt it from somewhere that it is the petitioner, who fired shot. Even, it is not alleged that petitioner was seen armed with gun/pistol/revolver.*

Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

3. *Notice of motion.*

4. *On advance notice, learned State counsel puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to respond to the submissions addressed by learned counsel opposite, after seeking instructions, and in case of necessity, to file status report.*

5. *Adjourned to 03.04.2025.*

Let status report be filed on or before the next date of hearing.”

3. Status report by way of an affidavit of Inderjit Singh, P.P.S, Deputy Superintendent of Police Sub-Division Rajasansi, Amritsar (Rural) has been filed on behalf of respondent-State. The same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at an appropriate place. Copy of the said status report has been



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handed over to the petitioner in Court today.

4. Counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegations against the petitioner are insufficient to involve him in the alleged firing of a shot at the leg of Gurshahib Singh. The FIR does not mention that the petitioner was seen carrying any weapon or that the injured might have noticed a shot being fired towards his leg.

5. The contention addressed by the petitioner's counsel could not be responded well by learned State counsel to the satisfaction of the Court, however, without expressing any opinion on the arguments or the factual aspect, I deem it appropriate to grant the relief of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to join the investigation within 02 weeks or 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 be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

22.04.2025
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No