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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-48458-2024

Date of Decision:28.07.2025

Vanshika Bawa

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**Coram :** Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat**Present :** Mr. Gagandeep Singh Virk, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravneet Singh Joshi, DAG, Punjab.

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**N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)**

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. with a prayer to grant regular bail to her in case FIR No.0035 dated 07.04.2024 registered under Sections 307, 324, 452, 457, 148, 149 of IPC and Sections 302, 120-B of IPC added later on, at Police Station Dugri, District Ludhiana.
2. The FIR in the present case has been got registered by Amandeep Kaur, daughter of Bara Singh and the same has been reproduced below:-

*“Statement of Amandeep Kaur daughter of Bara Singh resident of House No. 9021, Phase No. 3, Shaheed Karnail Singh Nagar Street No. 24, near Pardesi Motor, Ludhiana, aged about 24 years, 9914164536, that I am a resident of the aforementioned address. I am pursuing B.Ed from Guru Ram Das College at Halwara. On 06/07.04.2024 at around 12:30 AM, in the middle of the night, me and my father's brother Dara Singh, my uncle, my mother Sarabjit Kaur and grandmother Surjit Kaur were sleeping in the house, then a motorcycle sound was heard in the street etc, meanwhile 2/3 boys climbed the wall and entered our house*

*and opened the door of Main Gate from inside. Because of which, many boys entered the house, all of them were holding swords, baseball, other deadly weapons. They attacked us with the intention of killing us. Sagar Neutron attacked me with the sword in his hand. I raised my hands for protection, then he gave blows of the sword over my left hand and head. Due to which, I suffered injuries on the small finger of my left hand and right arm. Monu Dwarik and Monu Dodhi attacked my mother with sword, my mother suffered injuries on head, left arm and right arm and Shubham attacked my grandmother Surjit Kaur and she suffered injuries on her left cheek and ribs. Rajeev Kumar, Kuldeep Singh and Amit, who were in the back room, went to his room to attack him and my uncle suffered injuries on his head and arms. Due to hues and cries in the house, people gathered outside in the street but no one came forward to help us. They kept hitting sword over the tank and seat of motorcycle Splendor bearing No. PB10EY-7623 parked at home. Who were hurling abuses loudly. That my brother Navi who helped Rajeev and Sunny in the fight on 30.03.2024, my brother Navi is not coming home because he is petrified of them. Sagar Neutron has been jailed many times before. All these Sagar Neutron, Monu Dodhi, Shubham, Rajeev, Kuldeep Singh, Ankit, Monu Dwarika are criminals and habitual to fight. All of them have come together with a plan to attack our house with deadly weapons with the intention of killing us. Now my uncle Dara Singh, mother Sarabjit Kaur, grandmother Surjit Kaur and I are admitted to the hospital for treatment. While beating us, they also took my mobile Oppo-F-15 and the money in the mobile cover. They has also broken my mother's phone. The cause of dispute is such that a few days ago, on 30.03.2024, Rajiv and Sunny had a fight. They suspected that my brother Navi has helped Sunny. I have recorded the above-mentioned statement in the presence of my relatives and*

*parents. Action should be taken against them. Sd/- Amandeep Kaur.”*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was not named in the FIR and has been arrayed as an accused in the present case on the basis of the statement made by Lal Chand @ Gopi, brother of the complainant on 20.06.2024. The said statement was recorded on 20.06.2024 after a delay of more than 2 months. Even, it has been falsely alleged that the petitioner had conspired with other accused in the present case and in pursuance of the said conspiracy, the offence was committed by the accused in the present case. The petitioner has been falsely involved in the present case as unfortunately, she happens to be wife of Sagar Neutron, a well-known criminal. However, Sagar Neutron has already expired in judicial custody and the petitioner has no concern with his family. Even otherwise, the petitioner had developed differences with Sagar Neutron and his family and had shifted to Delhi on 16.03.2024, whereas two occurrences had taken place on 30.03.2024 and 07.04.2024. Thus, the petitioner had no occasion to hatch conspiracy with the crime. Even otherwise, in the present case, no other role has been assigned to the petitioner and she was not even present at the place of occurrence. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 20.06.2024 and no witness has been examined so far.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been levelled against the present petitioner and she does not deserve the concession of bail by this Court.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. In the present case, no doubt, serious allegations were levelled against Sagar Neutron, the main accused, but he has already died in judicial custody. The petitioner is stated to have conspired with her co-accused to commit the crime. However, the prosecution is yet to led evidence with regard to her involvement in the crime. Moreover, the petitioner is the first offender and is in custody for the last 01 year and 01 months.

7. At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to her furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned, subject to the following conditions:-

*(i) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case, so as to dissuade her to disclose such facts to the Court or to any other authority.*

*(ii) The petitioner shall remain present before the Court on the dates fixed for hearing of the case.*

*(iii) The petitioner shall not absent herself from the Court proceedings except on the prior permission of the Court concerned.*

*(iv) The petitioner shall surrender her passport, if any, (if already not surrendered), and in case she is not holder of the same, she shall swear an affidavit to that effect.*

*(v) The petitioner shall also file her affidavit before the concerned Court, mentioning her ordinary place of residence and number of mobile phone, which shall be used by her during the pendency of the trial. In case of change of place of*

*residence/mobile number, she shall share the details with the concerned Court/learned Trial Court.*

*(vi) In case, the petitioner involves in any other criminal activity, during the pendency of the trial, it shall be viewed seriously.*

*(vii) The concerned Court may insist on two heavy local sureties and may also impose any other condition, in accordance with law, while accepting the bails bonds and surety bonds of the petitioner.*

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**(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)**  
**JUDGE**

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