



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

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CRM-M-36844-2025

Date of decision: 10.09.2025

SONA SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : Mr. Rakesh Kumar Kachura, 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 & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
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2. In the instant anticipatory bail petition, on 15.07.2025, following order was passed:-

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2. Lakho Ke Behram Ferozepur Allegation against the petitioner, Sona Singh, is that he attacked Manjit Singh with a sickle, striking him on the head. When the complainant intervened, Sona Singh is alleged to have inflicted three additional blows with the sickle, causing injuries to the complainant's right leg near the knee and to the front side. The petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency, accordingly, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail.

3. Notice of motion.

On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State. Learned State Counsel submits that Manjit Singh has sustained a fracture on his head, which has been declared as a grievous injury. 4. Let a status report be filed, detailing the injuries sustained by the complainant in the present case, along with the corresponding medical opinion. The injuries, if any, sustained by the petitioner's party shall also be explained in the said report. 5. List on 10.09.2025.

6. Till the next date of hearing, arrest of the petitioner shall remain stayed. However, the issue of the petitioner joining the investigation



will be examined after considering the reply of the respondent/State.”

3. Referring to contents of GD No.24 dated 26.10.2024, under Sections 118(1), 115(2), 191(3), 190 of BNS, registered at Police Station Lakho Ke Behram, District Ferozepur, petitioner argues that on account of the incident happening on the same day i.e. 23.10.2024 at about 7:30 PM, aforesaid DDR was got registered at the instance of petitioner-Sona Singh.

3. As per the allegations in the said DDR, petitioner has himself suffered 06 injuries and same were noticed in the MLR No.1510/RB/CHCMDT/24 dated 24.10.2024.

4. As per the medico-legal examination, injuries No. 1 and 2 were described as sharp, while injuries No. 3, 4, 5, and 6 were mentioned as blunt. Therefore, it is submitted that the petitioner himself, being injured either in the same incident or in an earlier part of the incident, cannot be alleged to have caused the injuries to the complainant in the present FIR case.

5. Status report dated 09.09.2025 by way of an affidavit of Satnam Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Sub Division), Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur has been filed on behalf of respondent-State. The same is taken on record. The relevant part of the status report, reads as under:-

That as per MLR No.1510/RB/CHCMDT/24 dated 24.10.2024 of Sona Singh, Doctor recorded six injuries i.e. injury no.1 and 2 with sharp edged weapon and injuries No.3,4,5,6 with blunt weapon. Injuries no.3,4,5,6 were declared as simple in nature whereas injuries no.1 and 2 were also declared as simple in nature after final opinion. Copy of MLR of Sona Singh is Annexure R-5 and final opinion is Annexure R-6.

6. Since the petitioner himself has suffered a total of six injuries, either



in the same incident or in a prior incident on the same day, almost at the same time i.e., prior to the injury which is the subject matter of the FIR, his role in causing the grievous injury to Manjit Singh's knee can only be established during the course of recording of the statement before the Court. Therefore, as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner may not be required. Thus, petitioner is directed to join the investigation.

7. In view of the submissions having been recorded in the order dated 05.05.2025 and here today, petitioner is directed to join the investigation within a period of 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.).

8.. 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.

10.09.2025
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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