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

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DECIDED ON: 28.08.2025**

MANGAL SINGH

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH.**

Present: Mr. Hitesh Chopra, Advocate, (through VC mode), and  
Mr. Amit Kumar, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. B.S. Jaswal, Advocate,  
for the complainant.

**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
Mangal Singh, aged about 68 years	74	02.06.2025	115(2), 118(1), 324(4), 3(5) of BNS (sections 117(2) and 118(2) of BNS added later on)	Sadar Batala	Gurdaspur

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that present matter is essentially a case of version and cross-version. It is submitted that petitioner, Mangal Singh, has sustained total three injuries,



including one incised wound, while his son, Simranpreet Singh, has suffered nine injuries in total.

Injuries suffered by the petitioner, as mentioned in the MLR are as under:-

<i>Sr No.</i>	<i>Injuries</i>	<i>Marked</i>	<i>Inquiry Number</i>
1	<i>Incised wound on right forearm at lower end measured 4x1 cm, at lateral aspect. Suturing done.</i>	Yes	1
2	<i>Complain of pain right hand, swelling present at back of hand with tenderness present, redness present.</i>	Yes	2
3	<i>Complain of pain left forearm, contusion measured 1x1.2 cm, reddish blue in colour</i>	Yes	3

Injuries suffered by Simranpreet Singh, as mentioned in the MLR, are also reproduced as under:-

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Injuries</i>	<i>Marked</i>	<i>Injury Number</i>
1	<i>Incised wound on back of head measured 5x1.5 cm, 7 cm above from nape of neck. Suturing done.</i>	Yes	1
2	<i>Bruise on left side of forehead measured 2.2x1.2 cm, 10 cm above from left eyebrow, reddish in colour</i>	Yes	4
3	<i>Lacerated wound on left side of upper lip measured 1x1cm, suturing done, no adjacent teeth injury.</i>	Yes	6
4	<i>Incised wound on left elbow joint lateral aspect measured 4.2x1 cm, oblique in shape. Suturing done.</i>	Yes	8
5	<i>Incised wound on left side of top of head measured 2x1 cm, 13 cm above from left ear upper lobe. Suturing done.</i>	Yes	2
6	<i>Swelling on right side of forehead, measured 2x1 cm, 3 cm above from right eyebrow, redness present.</i>	Yes	3
7	<i>Lacerated wound on upper lip, inner aspect measured 1.5 cmx1 cm, no adjacent teeth</i>	Yes	5



	<i>injury.</i>		
8	<i>Incised wound on right forearm measured 4x1.2 cm, 12 cm below from right elbow joint, on anterior aspect at middle one third. Suturing done.</i>	Yes	7
9	<i>Contusion measured 4.5x2.2 cm present on left lower eyelid bluish in colour with swelling present all across eye.</i>	Yes	9

3. Thus, counsel for the petitioner submits that, as per the FIR in which the petitioner is named as an accused, he is alleged to have inflicted injuries with a *gandasi* on the head of the injured, namely Aajdaviner Singh; however, these injuries were medically declared to be simple in nature. Therefore, it is prayed, that the question, as to which party was the aggressor, would be determined only after the conclusion of the trial. However, he submits that petitioner is ready to join the investigation and fully cooperate, if protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has filed short reply dated 27.08.2025 in the Court today and the same is taken on record.

5. Since the submissions made by counsel for the petitioner have been referred from the record of the case, learned State counsel as well as counsel for the complainant, are unable to controvert the same.

6. This Court has heard the submissions addressed by counsel for the parties and has also gone through the record available before it, and deems it appropriate to dispose of the present petition, by directing the petitioner to join the investigation within two weeks from today, and as and when called by the investigating agency, and in the eventuality of



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the arrest, petitioner would be released on anticipatory 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.).

7. 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.

8. With the reasons recorded here above, present petition stands allowed.

28.08.2025

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(SANJAY VASHISTH)  
JUDGE

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