

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

CRM-M-14680 of 2015
Date of decision: 6.5.2015

Jagir Singh & others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Manuj Nagrath, Advocate for the petitioners.

Rajan Gupta, J. (oral)

This is a petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail in a complaint case No.37161 dated 17.4.2013, wherein petitioners have been summoned to face trial for offence under section 3 (ii) (xi) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and sections 323, 354, 506 and 34 IPC.

According to counsel for the petitioners, pre-arrest bail application has been rejected by the Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana on the ground that section 18 of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 would operate as a bar.

Under the circumstances, this petition is disposed of and petitioners are relegated to the remedy of seeking regular bail before the trial court. In the eventuality, petitioners move an application for bail within ten days from today, same shall be decided within a week thereafter.

Arrest of the petitioners shall remain stayed till the decision of the bail application.

**(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE**

6.5.2015
'Rajpal'