

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

(203)

CRM-M-1986-2016

Decided on: March 17, 2016.

Jagmail Singh and others

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Mr. S.P.S. Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Ms. Harpreet Kaur Athwal, DAG, Punjab.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (ORAL)

Petitioners are employed as Wardens of Central Jail, Patiala. The allegation against them is that they had made entry in the visitors Register in order to save their skin as one Gurmeet Singh had been permitted to see Balwant Singh Rajoana, an inmate of the Jail without making an entry in the visitors Register. Pursuant to a scuffle having taken place between the inmate and the visitor, it transpired that no entry had been made. The petitioners manipulated the Register to make forged entry.

The allegations levelled against the petitioners appear to be acts of misconduct regarding which disciplinary proceedings seem to have also been initiated against them, however, it does not appear to be a case of custodial interrogation.

Learned State counsel has opposed application for bail inter alia on the ground that signatures and handwriting of the petitioners are to be obtained during course of investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have got no objection at any time to furnish samples of their handwriting or the signatures.

Petition is allowed. Interim order dated 20.01.2016 is hereby made absolute. It is ordered that in case of arrest of petitioners, they will be released on bail to the satisfaction of the arresting officer subject to the conditions that they will join investigation as and when required and will cooperate in the investigation and will offer their sample signatures/writing, in case desired by the investigating agency, as agreed by them through their counsel.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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