

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

CRM No. M-33053 of 2016

Date of decision:- September 23, 2016

MANINDER SINGH @ SHANTY AND ANR

.....PETITIONERS..

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT..

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present:- Mr. Prashant Vashisth, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. RPS Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

JASPAL SINGH, J. (Oral)

Through, instant petition preferred under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, petitioners have sought regular bail during the pendency of trial, in case bearing FIR No.72, dated 10.07.2016, under Section 489 (A to E) IPC, Police Station Hathur, District Ludhiana.

2. The allegations against the petitioners are that on 10.07.2016, the police party intercepted the petitioners in the area of Police Station Hathur, District Ludhiana. They were subjected to personal search, which led to the recovery of 25 notes denomination of Rs.50/- each, and 12 notes denomination of Rs.100/- each. Subsequent thereto, during their custodial interrogation, a kit bag containing one printer of white colour of HP company, one drawing cutter, 37 notes denomination of Rs.50/- each and 35

fake currency notes denomination of 100/- each were recovered.

3. Undoubtedly, after the alleged recovery of aforesaid articles, the petitioners were remanded to judicial custody, meaning, thereby, they were no more required for further interrogation. Recovery has already been effected. The investigation is in progress and report under Section 173 (2) Cr.P.C. is yet to be presented. The presentation of report as well as disposal thereof would likely to take sufficient long time. Moreover, the petitioners are suffering incarceration from the date of their arrest i.e. 10.07.2016. Thus, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioners behind the bars for an indefinite period.

4. Taking into consideration all the aforesaid aspects but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, during pendency of trial, at the satisfaction of trial court/Duty Magistrate.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reasonable: Yes/No