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

**CRM-M-26963-2017 (O & M)
Date of Decision: 07.12.2017**

Ajay Chhangani and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Ajay Kalra, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Ms. Simranjeet Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Petitioners-Ajay Chhangani, Santosh Mangal, Ashok Jasraj Jain and Sumit Mehta have filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for brevity, 'Cr.P.C.') for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.187 dated 27.10.2016, registered at Police Station Civil Lines Bathinda, under Sections 406 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code.

Notice of motion was issued in this case. Learned State counsel has put in appearance on behalf of the respondent-State and contested this petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

From the record, I find that as per the allegations of the FIR, the complainant took the franchise from the accused, who are the Directors of the Company. There is a dispute regarding breach of the agreement.

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In pursuance of the interim order dated 27.07.2017 passed by this Court, the petitioners have already joined the investigation. They are not required for custodial interrogation. Therefore, no useful purpose will be served by sending them to custody.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts of the case in minute details and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I find merit in this petition and the same is allowed. The order dated 27.07.2017, granting interim bail to the petitioners, is made absolute. However, the petitioners shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

07.12.2017

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Note:	Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
	Whether reportable	:	No