

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

CRM-M-47632-2018 (O&M)
Date of decision: 11.12.2018

Balbir Singh and others

... Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr. Kuldeep Singh Saini, Advocate.
for the petitioners.

Mr. C.L.Pawar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners in case FIR No.99 dated 8.9.2018 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 379, 506 of Indian Penal Code and 29, 32, 33 of Indian Forest Act, at Police Station Sadar, Ropar, District Ropar.

Heard.

FIR was based on suspicion on the allegations that the petitioners along with their associates had cut 35 trees of *Khair* from the forest area.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Deepak Kumar states that the petitioners have joined the investigation and are no more required for custodial interrogation.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this

petition is allowed and the order dated 29.10.2018 is made absolute till the presentation of challan, subject to the following terms:-

- (i) that the petitioners shall make themselves available for interrogation as and when required by the police;
- (ii) that the petitioners shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the accusation against them so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;
- (iii) that the petitioners shall not leave India without the prior permission of the trial Court.
- (iv) that the petitioners will seek regular bail on the presentation of challan in Court.

December 11, 2018
Paritosh Kumar

(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No