

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

CRM-M-6548-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:-30.7.2018

Mewa Singh and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. S.S. Ranghi, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioners seek grant of anticipatory bail in a case registered against them vide FIR No.02 dated 4.1.2018 under Section 420 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Ladhuwal, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

The FIR was lodged at the instance of Maan Singh, who has alleged that he owns land measuring 7 acres and 4 kanals and that Harpreet Singh by way of defrauding him had raised a loan of ₹ 9 lacs from UCO Bank, Basti Jodhewal Branch by mortgaging the said land without informing him.

The learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that in fact a complaint based on identical allegations had also been lodged, in which the petitioners have already been granted bail.

While issuing notice of motion, the petitioners had been granted interim bail and had also been directed to join investigation.

The learned State counsel assisted by ASI Nirbhay Singh has informed that the peittioners have since joined investigation. Though it has also been submitted by the learned State counsel that the amount in question is yet to be recovered from the petitioners and has thus prayed for dismissal of the petition, but having regard to the totality of the facts and circumstances of the case, in my opinion, it is a fit case for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners. The petition, as such, is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 16.2.2018 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioners shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when directed.

30.7.2018

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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No