

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana  
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-42928-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:- 1.3.2019

Ranjodh Singh and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL**

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

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab.

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**GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)**

1. Petitioners – Ranjodh Singh and Gurpreet Singh seek grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against them vide FIR No.115, dated 2.9.2018, registered at Police Station Sadar, Barnala, under Sections 384, 506, 148, 149, 120-B IPC and Section 25 of Arms Act.
2. The FIR was lodged at the instance of Gurdeep Singh, wherein it has been alleged that he got acquainted with Paramjit Kaur about 7-8 years back and since Paramjit Kaur was in need of some money, he had paid an amount of ₹50,000/- as loan to her, out of which she had repaid an amount of ₹45,000/- but remaining amount of ₹5,000/- in

addition to ₹5,000/- as interest was still due to be paid. It is alleged that on 31.8.2018, he went to the house of Paramjit Kaur on the asking of Paramjit Kaur to get the aforesaid amount of ₹10,000/- but upon reaching her house, he was attacked by Harsh Sharma, Press Reporter, Makhan Singh, Ranjodh Singh and Gurpreet Singh, and who said that they would teach the complainant a lesson for paying repeated visits to Paramjit Kaur. Makhan Singh and Ram Singh took out a revolver and Ranjodh Singh and Gurpreet Singh removed shirt of the complainant and made a movie with their mobile. It is alleged that the said accused threatened to upload the movie on the Facebook and to defame him unless he paid an amount of ₹2 lacs to them. It is further alleged that pursuant to the said threat he later on handed over an amount of ₹1 lakh to Makhan Singh and Harsh Sharma on the following day but the accused did not delete the movie and insisted upon paying the another amount of ₹1 lakh.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that they have falsely been implicated in the present case and that in any case the petitioners have since joined investigation. It has further been submitted that the allegations pertaining to the receipt of ₹1 lakh by way of extortion are against co-accused Makhan Singh and Harsh Sharma and which is stated to have been received by them on the next day after the incident of beatings had taken place.
4. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that since an amount of ₹70,000/- has been recovered from co-accused, the complicity of the present petitioners in the entire episode is apparent.

5. Having considered rival submissions addressed before this Court and bearing in mind the nature of allegations and the fact that the petitioners have already joined investigation, in my opinion it is a fit case for grant of anticipatory bail. The petition, as such, is accepted and interim directions issued vide order dated 28.9.2018 are made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioners shall appear and join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.
6. It is, however, clarified that none of the observations made above shall be construed to be an expression on merits of the main case.

**March 1, 2019**  
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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)**  
**JUDGE**

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| Whether Reportable         | Yes / No |