

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

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Criminal Misc. No.M-26081-2019

Date of decision : 09.09.2019

Rajinder Singh and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Mohit Kumar, Advocate for
Mr. Vikas Arora, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. N.K. Banka, DAG, ,Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioners are seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.142 dated 18.07.2018, under Section 364-A IPC, registered at Police Station City Lambi, District Shri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners are not named in the FIR wherein it is alleged that co-accused had abducted the brother of the complainant, who was recovered by the police after two days without any harm. The petitioners have earlier been granted anticipatory bail by the trial Court but they could not appear before the Investigating Officer on 21.12.2018. The Investigating Officer made a statement before the Additional Sessions Judge on that very day itself that the petitioners had not joined the investigation and the interim protection was withdrawn and bail bonds were cancelled.

This Court, by the order dated 03.07.2019, had directed the petitioners to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer and join the investigation and in the event of their arrest, they were to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Sarabjit Singh, states that the petitioners have joined investigation and are not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioners and the petitioners having joined investigation and not required for custodial interrogation, the order dated 03.07.2019 granting interim bail to the petitioners is made absolute.

However, the petitioners shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. They shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No