

Harpal Singh and another

... Petitioners

v/s

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJPresent: Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitionersMr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab assisted by
ASI Harnek Singh

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MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners-Harpal Singh and Lakhwinder Singh have prayed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 212 dated 21.11.2017, registered under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 404, 120-B IPC at Police Station Mehatpur, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that regular bail was granted to the petitioners. However, later on they were declared as proclaimed offenders on 23.4.2019. He submits that the petitioners were again arrested on 9.7.2019 and since then they are in custody. He has apprised the Court that the parties have compromised the matter vide compromise dated 14.6.2019 (Annexure P-3), and CRM-M No. 31454 of 2019 has already been filed by accused for quashing of the FIR on the basis of the said compromise, which is pending for 25.11.2019.

Learned State counsel has contended that the petitioners were

declared as proclaimed offenders. However, it is not disputed that period of absence was only three months. However, he has conveyed ignorance about the compromise.

Considering the above and the fact that the parties have entered compromise, further detention of the petitioners may not be justified. Therefore, without meaning any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, it is ordered that the petitioners be released on regular bail subject to their furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court, Jalandhar.

The petition is allowed.

September 12, 2019

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**(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No