

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

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CRM-M-42323-2019

Date of decision : 05.11.2019

Ram Rati and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. S.K. Garg Narwana, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Yadwender Saini, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. D.R. Singla, DAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioners are seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.163, dated 21.03.2014, under Sections 420, 120-B, 467, 468, 471 IPC and Section 31 of the Representation of Peoples Act, registered at Police Station Sector 5, District Gurgaon.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that although the incident took place in the year 2009 but the FIR was registered after 5 years in the year 2014. The allegations against the petitioners are that they had got the voter identity cards issued by submitting forged documents. It is also alleged that the voter identity cards were prepared by the petitioners at the behest of and to help co-accused Sukhbir Kataria, who contested the election to the Legislative Assembly in the year 2009. The co-accused Sukhbir Kataria had been granted anticipatory bail by the Additional Sessions Judge, Gurgaon on 07.11.2014 (Annexure P-6). He also contends that the petitioners are not involved in any other case of similar nature.

This Court, by order dated 03.10.2019, 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 SI Mohd. Usman, 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 03.10.2019 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

November 05, 2019

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