

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

(Heard through VC)

CRM-M-14343 of 2020 O&M)
Date of Decision: June 18, 2020

Gagandeep Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. B.S. Jatana, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Gaurav Dhuriwala, Sr. DAG Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioners in case FIR No.108 dated 12.04.2020, under Sections 307, 353, 186, 188, 269, 148, 149 of Indian Penal Code and Section 51(a) of Disaster Management Act and further enhanced offences under Section 333 of Indian Penal Code and Section 54 of Disaster Management Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners herein were taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 12.04.2020. It is submitted that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the present case. It is also contended that co-accused Jarnail Singh has already been

allowed regular bail in CRM-M-12701-2020 by this court, who is similarly placed and therefore, the petitioners are also entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioners, however, does not dispute the fact that co-accused has already been allowed regular bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since, the trial is likely to take some time and in view of the facts that the petitioners herein have been in custody since 12.04.2020 and co-accused Jarnail Singh has already been allowed regular bail by this Court, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioners behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioners are directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, anything observed or said by this court is only for the purpose of deciding the instant petition for grant of regular bail and the same shall have no affect on the merits of the case.

June 18, 2020

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No