

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

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**CRM-M-16879-2020 (O&M)**

**DATE OF DECISION: 15.07.2020**

**LOVEPREET SINGH AND ANOTHER**

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

... Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present: Mr. K.B. Raheja, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. S.P.S. Tinna, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

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**ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)**

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioners are seeking regular bail in FIR No.6 dated 06.02.2020, under Sections 380, 457, 427 of IPC, 1860 (Sections 379-B, 324 and 323 of IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Mallanwala, District Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners are not named in the FIR wherein it is alleged that ATM machine containing about Rs.13.00 lacs had been taken away. The petitioners were arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused Amandeep Singh, who was an employee of the bank. Similarly situated co-accused namely Lovepreet Singh @ Labhu and Kamaldeep Singh, who had also been named on the statement of co-accused Amandeep Singh, had been granted bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-13769-2020 and CRM-M-14203-2020 respectively on 16.06.2020. The co-accused Bhagwant Singh had also been

granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-12758-2020 on 10.07.2020. The petitioners are in custody for about 5 months.

Learned State counsel contends that the petitioners had conspired in the commission of offence with the co-accused namely Amandeep Singh and, therefore, they are not entitled to the concession of regular bail. He also states that challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

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In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioners, especially when the aforementioned co-accused have been granted bail, the petitioners are in custody for about 5 months, Covid-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioners.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioners are ordered to be released on regular bail on their furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

**(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**15.07.2020.**

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | : | Yes / No |
| Whether reportable        | : | Yes / No |