

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

Date of decision: 15.12.2020

1. **CRM-M-25367-2020**

Satinderjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

AND

2. **CRM-M-25370-2020**

Lakhwinder Singh @ Lovely Sandhu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Pratham Sethi, Advocate,
for the petitioners in both the petitions.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vivek Salathia, Advocate,
for the complainant.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Both the cases are taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

This order of mine shall dispose of CRM-M-25367-2020, filed by petitioner-Satinderjit Singh, and CRM-M-25370-2020, filed by petitioner-Lakhwinder Singh @ Lovely Sandhu, seeking anticipatory bail in case bearing bearing FIR No.141 dated 20.08.2019, registered at Police Station Gharinda, District Amritsar Rural, under Sections 420 and 120-B

IPC and Sections 467, 468 and 471 IPC (added later on).

This Court, on 02.09.2020, passed the following order:

“Case is taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

Through both these petitions, the petitioners seek anticipatory bail in case, bearing FIR No.141 dated 20.08.2019, registered at Police Station Gharinda, District Amritsar Rural under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC and Sections 467, 468 and 471 IPC (added later on).

There are allegations that the petitioners alongwith co-accused, Sharanjit Singh alias Simmy alias Jimmy, hatched a conspiracy to commit cheating with complainant, Sursajaan (though wrongly mentioned as Gursajjan Bedi in the impugned order), who had a partnership with one Jasdeep Kaur Chadda, to the extent of 50% in the business of liquor.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioners contends that both the petitioners are not named in the FIR. Co-accused, namely, Jagmeet Singh, Rajbir Kaur @ Rajvir Kaur, Sukhdeep Kaur and Gurpreet Singh, who are named in the FIR, have already been granted the concession of ad interim pre-arrest bail, vide orders dated 17.09.2019, 03.10.2019 and 31.10.2019 (Annexure P-6). Co-accused, namely, Shinder Pal Singh, who is also named in the FIR, has been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 28.01.2020 (Annexure P-7).

Notice of motion.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

At this stage, Mr. Vivek Salathia, Advocate, puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant.

The petitioners are neither signatories to any document nor had taken part in any transaction. The said fact has not been disputed by the learned State counsel assisted by the learned counsel for complainant.

Adjourned to 15.12.2020.

Meanwhile, the petitioners are directed to join the investigation and if they are sought to be arrested, they shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer subject to the conditions as envisaged in Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Photocopy of this order be placed on the companion case file.”

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that pursuant to the order dated 02.09.2020 passed by this Court, the petitioners have joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Rajbir Singh, submits that the petitioners have joined the investigation and are now not required for any further investigation.

In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, both the petitions are allowed and the order dated 02.09.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioners, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

15.12.2020

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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No