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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Decided on: 17.08.2021

1. CRM-M No. 11339 of 2021 (O&M)

Dharamveer

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

2. CRM-M No. 15221 of 2021 (O&M)

Bhupinder Singh

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present : Mr. P.K. Ganga, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Deepak Grewal, DAG, Haryana.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioners, namely Dharamveer and Bhupinder Singh, pray for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.194 dated 05.03.2018, registered under Sections 420, 467, 471 IPC and 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, at Police Station City Sirsa, District Sirsa.

Counsel for the petitioners has argued that the FIR was registered, at the instance of the District Food and Supply Controller, Sirsa in which it is stated that the petitioner – Dharamveer and Mukesh Kumar are depot holder and they have prepared forged ration card and have got the depot licence in their name. On the basis of the enquiry report submitted to the Director, Food and Supply and Consumer Affairs, Haryana, it was recommended that a criminal case be registered against them.

Counsel for the petitioners has referred to the report dated 02.11.2017 issued by the District Food and Supply Controller, Sirsa,

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wherein it is stated that the record of 23 depots is missing. It is, thus, argued that nothing is attributed against the petitioners – Dharamveer and Bhupinder Singh.

Counsel for the petitioners has also submitted that, in pursuance to the orders dated 12.03.2021 and dated 06.04.2021, the petitioners – Dharamveer and Bhupinder Singh, have appeared before the Investigating Officer and have joined the investigation.

Counsel for the State, on instructions from SI Gauri Shankar, has not disputed the aforesaid fact and submits that the petitioners are no more required for further investigation. However, it is submitted that on the basis of the affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarter), Sirsa that the FIR was registered on the basis of the enquiry conducted by the Food and Supply Department and it was found that all the accused in collusion with each other have obtained the depot licence.

After hearing the counsel for the parties, considering the fact that the petitioners have joined the investigation; they are not involved in any other case, this petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioners, namely, Dharamveer and Bhupinder Singh vide orders dated 12.03.2021 and dated 06.04.2021 is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of other connected case.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No