

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

**CRM-M No. 18697 of 2021
Date of decision: 09.12.2021**

Arpit Kumar and another Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. C.L. Verma, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab, for the respondent.

Mr. Pawandeep Singh, Advocate, for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners are seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0054 dated 01.04.2021, under Sections 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Model Town Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the FIR is the outcome of a monetary dispute between the petitioners and the complainant which has now been resolved through mediation. A copy of the settlement dated 23.07.2021 is taken on record.

Issue notice to the respondent.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. He contends that in view of the gravity of the offence alleged to have been committed by the petitioners, they are not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail.

Mr. Pawandeep Singh, Advocate, has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant and filed 'power of attorney', which is taken on record. He states that the matter has indeed been compromised.

Heard.

The FIR is the outcome of a monetary dispute between the petitioners and the complainant which has now been resolved through mediation. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and in view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioners, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

Therefore, the petitioners are directed to appear before the investigating officer within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and on their doing so, they shall be released on bail to the satisfaction of the arresting/investigating officer till submission of report under Section 173 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 ('Cr.P.C.' - for short). The petitioners shall continue to join investigation and shall furnish an undertaking that they shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C. Thereafter, they will be permitted to furnish regular bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

The petition stands disposed of in the aforementioned terms.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

09.12.2021
Ramesh

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