

205 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

1. **CRM-M-12726-2021**
Date of Decision: 12.08.2021

Sarabjit Singh ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

2. CRM-M-21876-2021

Amritpal Singh @ Billu ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

3. CRM-M-21878-2021

Yashpreet Singh @ Billu ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate for
Mr. L.M. Gulati, Advocate
for the petitioner (in CRM-M- 12726-2021).

Mr. Umesh Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner(s) (in CRM-M-21876-2021
and CRM-M-21878-2021).

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG Punjab
for the respondent-State.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

2. These three petitions are filed by the petitioners for seeking regular bail in FIR No. 294, dated 24.10.2020, under Sections 420, 120-B

of IPC and Section 7-A of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as

amended by Amendment Act, 2018), registered at Police Station 'B' Division Amritsar, District Amritsar.

3. The FIR was registered on the basis of a complaint received from Attarpreet Singh. It was alleged that the father of the complainant was involved in a case under Trade Marks Act, 1999 and his bail application was dismissed twice. Amritpal Singh @ Billu and Jashpreet Singh @ Vicky approached the complainant stating that Sarabjit Singh had contacts with various officials and could get the bail to his father. On the assurance, Rs.2,15,000/- and Rs.2,00,000/- were paid to Amritpal Singh and Sarabjit Singh respectively.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submit that there is delay of almost seven months in making the complaint. There is no witness of money paid to the accused. The petitioners have nothing to do with any official. It is a case of false implication.

5. Learned State counsel relies upon the pleadings in the reply filed to oppose the prayer made by the petitioners. She submits that the allegations are serious.

6. The petitioner-Amritpal Singh and Yashpreet are in custody since 24.03.2021 and Sarabjit Singh is behind the bars from 26.10.2020. Investigation is complete. Challan stands presented. Charges have been framed. Petitioners have no criminal antecedents. Conclusion of trial is likely to take time, bail is granted to the petitioners on furnishing surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. The petitions are allowed.

8. It is clarified that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.
9. A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of connected cases.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

12.08.2021

Parveen Sharma

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