

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

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CRM-M-37186-2021

Date of decision : 06.10.2021.

Gurmeet Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Ramneek Vasudeva, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioners are seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 99 dated 02.07.2021, under Sections 186, 353, 332, 506, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, besides Section 4 of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984, registered at Police Station City Morinda, District Rupnagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners, who are agriculturists, had raised their grievance with regard to power cuts with the officials of the electricity department, which led to an altercation in which simple injuries were caused to one of the officials. There was no damage to any public property. Only one windowpane is stated to have been broken. The petitioners do not have any criminal antecedents.

This Court, by order dated 09.09.2021 had directed the petitioners to appear before the Investigating Officer and join investigation and in the event of their arrest, they were ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Surender Singh, states that although the petitioners have joined investigation but recovery is to be effected from them.

In view of the above and the petitioners having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 09.09.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioners is made absolute.

However, the petitioners shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. They shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 06, 2021

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No