

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

CRM-M-40273-2020

Date of decision: 01.03.2021

Sukhbir Singh and another**Petitioners.**

vs.

The State of Punjab**Respondent.**

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present: - Mr. Baltej Singh Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate
General, Punjab.

Mr. Ripudaman Singh Sidhu, Advocate,
for the complainant.

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HARI PAL VERMA, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners in case FIR No. 112 dated 25.08.2020 registered under Sections 323, 341, 294, 506 and 34 of IPC {Section 3(X) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities Act) 1989 added lateron vide DDR No. 33 dated 29.08.2020} at Police Station Bhadson, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that pursuant to the order dated 03.12.2020 passed by this Court, petitioners have joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Lakhvir Singh, does not dispute the aforesaid fact and states that the custodial interrogation of the petitioners is no more required at this stage.

However, learned counsel for the complainant has opposed this bail application on the ground that the same is not maintainable as there is a bar under Section 18 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities Act) 1989.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since the petitioners have joined the investigation and their custodial interrogation is no more required, present petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioners vide order dated 03.12.2020 is made absolute.

However, if required, the petitioners shall continue to join investigation as and when required to do so and shall abide by the terms and conditions, as laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

01.03.2021

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whether speaking/non speaking

yes/no

whether reportable/non reportable

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