

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

CRM-M-48355-2021

Date of Decision: 25th November, 2021

Manpreet Singh and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. Pradeep Virk, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjab for the respondent-State.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. Due to COVID-19 situation, the Court is convened through video conference.

2. The petitioners are before this Court under Section 439 Cr.P.C. filed in FIR No. 46, dated 11th April, 2021, under Sections 332, 186, 353, 188 read with Section 34 IPC, 1860 and subsequently added Section 333 and 307 of IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Bhargo Camp, District Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

3. The complainant was SHO of Police Station Bhargo Camp, Police Commissionerate Jalandhar. As per the allegations on 10th April, 2021, police party was enforcing curfew/lockdown, accused(petitioners) were present at Model House Road and on query for violation of the curfew, altercation took place petitioners inflicted injuries to the police officials.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners are in custody since 11th April, 2021. investigation is complete, challan stands presented and no recovery is to be made. They are not involved in any

5. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail. He submits that the police officials were attacked while they were enforcing COVID-19 night curfew and they were injured.
6. Petitioners have no criminal antecedents, investigation is complete, challan was presented in June, 2021, no recovery is to be made, all the witnesses are official witnesses and conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, petitioners are granted bail subject to their furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.
7. The petition is allowed.
8. It is clarified that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

25th November, 2021
Parveen Sharma

Whether reasoned/speaking
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No