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**Date of Decision: 05.10.2021.**

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Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

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This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of regular bail moved by petitioners-**Satpal Singh @ Satta and Lakhwinder Chaddi** in case FIR No.3 dated 11.01.2020 under Sections 148, 25 and 506 IPC read with Section 149 IPC (Section 308 IPC whereas Section 304 IPC was added lateron), registered at Police Station, District Barnala.

Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that the allegations levelled against the petitioners in the FIR are altogether concocted, false and frivolous and there is no iota of truth therein. He further urges that no specific injury on the person of Beant Singh (since deceased), is attributed to petitioners. He further submits that a bare perusal of allegations as levelled in the FIR, head injury on the person of Beant

Singh (since deceased), which proved fatal, has been attributed to co-accused namely Jassi Singh and Sunny Singh. He further submits that petitioners are languishing in custody since 29.01.2020 and they are no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose as after completion of investigation, final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (*Challan*) has already been presented in the Court. He further submits that co-accused Manpreet Singh @ Lakhi, whose case falls on similar footing, said accused (Manpreet Singh @ Lakhi) has already been admitted to bail by this Court, vide order dated 25.09.2020 passed in CRM-M-28915-2020. He further submits that since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioners in custody further and they may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel while opposing instant petition has vehemently argued that keeping in view seriousness of offence, petitioners do not deserve the concession of bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have carefully gone through the record of the case.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case lest it may prejudice the outcome of the trial but taking into consideration the fact that petitioners are languishing in custody since 29.01.2020; that petitioners are no more required by the Investigating Agency for investigation purpose as after completion of investigation, final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (*Challan*) has already been presented in the Court and since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioners in custody

further, thus, they deserve the concession of bail.

In view of above, instant petition for grant of regular bail moved by petitioners-**Satpal Singh @ Satta and Lakhwinder Singh @ Khaddi** is allowed and they are ordered to be released on bail on their furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Barnala, as the case may be.

(LALIT BATRA)  
JUDGE

**05.10.2021**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether reportable : Yes/ No