

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

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CRM-M-3238-2022.

Date of Decision: 28.01.2022.

Puneet Sandhu and another

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Ms. Sukhveer Kaur, Advocate for petitioners.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

This petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of pre-arrest bail has been moved by petitioners-**Puneet Sandhu** and **Bobby Sandhu** in Complaint Case No.689/2019 filing No.3106/2019 dated 10.09.2019 titled 'Ravi Kumar Vs. Puneet Sandhu and another', complaint under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act.

Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that petitioners were summoned to face trial in above said complaint and in pursuant to summoning order, on appearance, the petitioners were admitted to bail by the Trial Court, vide orders dated 03.03.2020 and 28.07.2020 and they used to appear before the Trial Court on each date of hearing. He further submits that petitioners could not appear before Trial Court on 12.12.2021 due to illness of petitioner No.2 and as such on account of their

absence, their presence was ordered to be secured through warrants of arrest by the said Court and the complaint case is fixed before the Trial Court on 17.05.2022. He further submits that on account of single default made at the instance of petitioners, they cannot be made to suffer. He further submits that petitioners are ready and willing to submit to the proceedings of Trial Court and they may be extended concession of pre-arrest bail.

Notice of motion restricted to respondent No.1 only at this stage.

At the asking of Court, Mr. Arun Kaundal, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1-State. Complete copy of paperbook has been supplied to him in Court.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

In view of above, instant petition for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners is disposed of in the manner that petitioners (accused) shall surrender before Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, as the case may be, within ten days positively from today and on surrender, they shall be enlarged on bail on their furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Court concerned. Meanwhile, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioners pursuant to warrants of arrest already issued against them.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No
Whether Reportable : Yes/ No