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

CRM-M-6390-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 21.01.2022

Navjot Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CRWP-10599-2020

Kamalpreet Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Akashdeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners (in CRM-M-6390-2021).

Mr. Rajnish Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner (in CRWP-10599-2020).

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J.

The hearing of the case is being held through video
conferencing on the account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

CRM-2060-2022 in CRM-M-6390-2021

Allowed as prayed for.

**CRM-M-6390-2021 &
CRWP-10599-2020**

Vide this order Criminal Misc. No.M-6390 of 2021 and

Criminal Writ Petition No.10599 of 2020 shall stand disposed of.

In CRM-M-6390-2021, the petitioners (Navjot Kaur and Gurpreet Singh) pray for grant of pre-arrest bail in criminal case arising from FIR No.138 dated 08.11.2020, under Sections 306, 506, 120-B of the IPC, registered at Police Station Bhadson, District Patiala.

As per case of prosecution, Surjit Singh had set himself ablaze at the Tubewell Room in his fields on 07.11.2020, on account of harassment at the hands of the petitioners. Petitioner No.1 is a granddaughter of Surjit Singh whereas petitioner No.2 is the husband of petitioner No.1.

Surjit Singh was blessed with a son Harmeek Singh and two daughters Kamalpreet Kaur and Harpreet Kaur. His only son Harmeek Singh died on 14.04.2019. Before the death of Harmeek Singh, Sh. Surjit Singh transferred his property in favour of his only son Harmeek Singh. In the present case, the first informant is Kamalpreet Kaur, a married daughter of Surjit Singh. She alleged that after the death of Harmeek Singh, Surjit Singh was harassed by one Charanjit Kaur (daughter-in-law of Sh. Surjit Singh), Navjot Kaur and Gurpreet Singh.

It has been noticed that on 12.02.2021 while issuing notice of motion, the petitioners were directed to join investigation. On 22.03.2021, learned counsel representing the State of Punjab, on instructions received from A.S.I. Balkar Singh, stated that both the petitioners have joined the investigation and are no longer required for further custodial interrogation.

Learned counsel representing the first informant while referring to the transcript of video recording contends that in fact the deceased has alleged that the persons named therein have caught hold down him and set

him on fire.

It is evident that the veracity of such video recording is yet to be established. The prosecution after concluding investigation has already presented the Challan (Final Report) against certain accused. The FIR is pending for more than 1 year and 2 months. The petitioners have already joined investigation. A civil suit between the parties with regard to the property is already pending.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the interim bail granted to the petitioners on 12.02.2021 is hereby made absolute.

In Criminal Writ Petition No.10599 of 2020, the first informant in the FIR prays for protection of his life and liberty.

After having heard learned counsel representing the petitioner, this Court is of the considered view that the petitioner may move necessary application in this regard before the Area Magistrate concerned.

With these observations both the petitions are disposed of.

21.01.2022
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes
Whether reportable?	No