

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

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CRM-M-6384-2020

Date of decision : 22.01.2022.

Lovepreet Singh and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Kulbushan Raheja, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Venu Gopal Jauhar, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Seema Arora, Advocate for
Mr. C.M. Munjal, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioners are seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.30 dated 03.05.2019, under Sections 307, 382, 427, 148, 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Arif Ke, District Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that although it is alleged in the FIR that gun shots were fired but there is no firearm injury and a solitary injury on the person of the injured-Baljit Singh was found to be simple in nature. No empty shell was recovered and the petitioners have been implicated because of political rivalry as co-accused Iqbal Singh is an office bearer of the district unit of a party in opposition.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court, by order dated 13.02.2020 had directed the petitioners to appear before the Investigating Officer and join investigation and in the event of their arrest, they were ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Sukhdev Singh, states that although the petitioners have joined investigation but recovery is yet to be effected.

Learned counsel for the complainant, however, contends that in view of the serious allegations against the petitioners, they are not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail.

In view of the above and the petitioners having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 13.02.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioners is made absolute.

However, the petitioners shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. They shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

January 22, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No