

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

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CRM-M-34975-2021

Date of decision : 12.01.2022.

Mohammad Arif and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Deepanshu Mehta, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mrs. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioners are seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 198 dated 15.12.2020, under Sections 457 and 380 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Baghapurana, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that there is a delay of two months in registering the FIR wherein it is alleged that LCC cards, etc., were stolen from the telephone exchange. The petitioners are ragpickers and some of the material stolen was allegedly recovered from their house. The petitioners do not have criminal antecedents.

This Court, by order dated 26.08.2021 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 Baljinder Singh, states that the petitioners have joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioners having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 26.08.2021 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 12, 2022
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No