

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

Date of Decision: 13th December, 2022

1. CRM-M-57069-2022

Lakhbir Singh ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

2. CRM-M-57212-2022

Briznave Singh ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr.P.S. Hundal, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. P.S.Hundal, Advocate and
Mr. G.S. Bajwa, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Arun Luthra, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. These two petitions are filed seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 20 dated 19.10.2022 under Sections 420, 465, 466, 468, 471, 120B IPC read with Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 registered at P.S. Vigilance Bureau Range, Amritsar.

2. As per the case set up, the private individuals in connivance with the officials of the Revenue Department got the revenue entries changed with regard to land reclaimed due to change of course of river. Briznave Singh (petitioner in CRM-M-57212-2022) is the beneficiary of the entries made in the revenue record and Lakhbir Singh (petitioner in

3. On behalf of petitioners it is submitted that petitioners are in custody since 19.10.2022 and co-accused were granted interim anticipatory bail by this Court. It is further argued that aggrieved parties till date have not availed the remedy of challenging the revenue entries and no recovery is to be made from the petitioners. He further submits that the petitioners are not involved in any other case.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail, however, is not in a position to refute the contention raised by learned counsel for the petitioners. He fairly submits that no recovery is to be made from the petitioners and co-accused were granted interim anticipatory bail.

5. Without commenting on the merits of the case and considering the nature of allegations, no recovery is to be made from the petitioners, petitioners have no criminal antecedents and the conclusion of trial is likely to take time, the petitioners are granted bail subject to their furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

6. The petitions are allowed.

7. It is clarified that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

8. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case(s).

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

13th December, 2022

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Whether reasoned/speaking
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No