

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

Sr. No.111

CRM-M-14294-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision : 19.04.2023

Gurmej Singh and others

..... Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate, for the petitioners.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioners seek quashing of Rapat No.32 dated 06.01.2023, registered at Police Station Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur, under Sections 452, 323 & 34 IPC in FIR No.199 dated 15.08.2022, registered at Police Station Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur, under Sections 323, 324, 341, 148 & 149 IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that impugned rapat has been registered 5½ months after the incident. Photographs (Annexure P3) show that in fact, the complainant side were the aggressors and the same resulted in registration of aforementioned FIR. The petitioners have also been granted anticipatory bail by the Sessions Court. Thus, registration of the rapat against them is an abuse of the process of the criminal Court. The same may be quashed.

Delay in registration of the rapat cannot be a ground for quashing. The same took place as the police was investigating the complaint filed against the petitioners. In fact, it would *prima facie* establish that the rapat is not due to any influence wielded by the complainant side.

annotated and identification of parties from the same is difficult. Grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners is not a ground for quashing of a rapat.

In view of above, the petition has no merit and is dismissed.

19.04.2023
Ramandeep Singh

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No