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

**CRM-M-53695-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision : 12.12.2023**

Sachin Bhalla and others

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. PBS Goraya, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, Sr. DAG, Punjab,
assisted by ASI Harjeet Singh.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 has been filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners in FIR No.19 dated 31.01.2020, under Sections 353, 186, 342, 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short, '*the IPC*'), registered at Police Station 'B' Division, District Amritsar.

2. Allegations are that the petitioners manhandled members of the police party headed by Inspector Sandeep Kumar, locked them inside a house and criminally intimidated them.

3. This Court, on 20.10.2023, granted interim bail to petitioners and relevant part of the same is recapitulated as under:-

"Contends inter alia that this is a case of no injury.

Notice of motion.

*On asking of the Court, Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, Sr. D.A.G.,
Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and seeks time
to have instructions and/or file written response in the matter.*

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In the meanwhile, petitioners shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit them to interim bail, till the next date of hearing, on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioners shall also abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.”

4. Contends that in terms of the aforesaid order, petitioners have surrendered before learned trial Court and admitted to interim bail.
5. Above factual position is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel, on instructions from the police officer present in Court.
6. In view of above, interim order dated 20.10.2023 is made absolute.
7. It is also made clear that petitioners shall continue to appear before learned trial Court, without seeking any unnecessary adjournments.
8. The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the present bail matter.
9. Disposed off accordingly.
10. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed off.

12.12.2023

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**(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No