

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

SR. No.102

CRM-M-19851-2024
Date of decision:23.04.2024

Jugraj Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S. SHEKHAWAT

Present: Mr. B.D. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

N.S. SHEKHAWAT, J.

Petitioners pray for grant of pre-arrest bail in FIR No.0150 dated 27.09.2023 registered under Sections 436/427/120-B IPC (Sections 148/149 IPC added later on) at Police Station, City Batala, District Batala.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the FIR was initially registered against the unknown persons and the petitioners were not named in the FIR. He further contends that the petitioners have been nominated as accused in the present case on the basis of statement made by co-accused and admissibility of such statement is yet to be adjudicated by the trial Court. He next submits that as per the FIR, only two persons were stated to be involved in the crime, however, the police has tried to cast the net as wide as possible and 12 persons have been falsely nominated as accused in the present case. He also contends that co-accused Harmanpreet Singh, Arshpreet Singh, Ramanbir Singh and Kirandeep Kaur have already been granted the concession of regular bail by the court below. He, thus,

submits that the present petitioners also deserve the concession of anticipatory bail.

On an advance notice, Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent-State and vehemently opposes the bail petition filed by the petitioners on the ground that the petitioners are a part of an organised gang, which is involved in threatening the owners and the workers of liquor vends in the State of Punjab. He further submits that the present petitioners are hardened criminals and are facing two other cases of similar nature and in one case, one of the accused-petitioner had also fired shots at the worker of a liquor vend. He next submits that the petitioners are acting at the behest of Parminder Singh @ Pindi, a well known criminal and the accused in the present case are involved in an extortion racket where huge amounts have been extorted from the owners of liquor vends, by indulging in similar activities.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the case file.

Keeping in view the gravity of offence and the manner in which the crime has been committed, the present petitioners do not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail, at this stage. Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

23.04.2024
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(N.S. SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE