

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

CRM-M-16817 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision : 21.05.2015

Gurmail Singh @ Geli and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DARSHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Pardeep Singh Mirpur, Advocate
for the petitioners.

- 1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgement? Yes**
- 2. To be referred to the Reporters or not? Yes**
- 3. Whether the judgement should be reported in the Digest?Yes**

DARSHAN SINGH,J

1. The present petition has been filed for grant of anticipatory bail by invoking the provisions of Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (hereinafter called Cr.P.C) in case FIR No. 47 dated 04.05.2015, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda.

2. As per the prosecution allegation, on the basis of the secret information a raid was conducted and 540 bottles

of country liquor were recovered from the possession of the petitioners. Their application for grant of the anticipatory bail has been dismissed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Bathinda. Hence this petition before this Court.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners contended that the recovery has already been effected. The petitioners are ready to join the investigation. So, they deserves the concession of the anticipatory bail.

4. I have duly considered the aforesaid contentions.

5. A huge quantity of 540 bottles of country liquor have been recovered from the possession of the petitioners. The custodial interrogation of the petitioners may be required in order to reveal the source from which they had acquired such huge quantity of the country liquor. Where, the custodial interrogation of the accused is required in order to bring the investigation to its logical end, it is not desirable to grant the extra ordinary privilege of the anticipatory bail.

6. Thus, keeping in view of my aforesaid discussion, the present petition is without any merits and the same is hereby dismissed.

21.05.2015

s.khan

**(DARSHAN SINGH)
JUDGE**