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

CRM-M-10196-2018 (O & M)

Date of Decision: 09.08.2018

Gurprem Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Gaurav Tripathi, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Gurprem Singh has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for brevity, 'Cr.P.C.') for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.212 dated 29.09.2017, registered at Police Station Ghall Khurd, District Ferozepur, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

Notice of motion was issued in this case. Learned State counsel has put in appearance on behalf of the respondent-State and contested this petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

From the record, I find that FIR, in the present case, has been

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As per the prosecution version, a raid was conducted and 200 litres *lahan* was recovered from the house of petitioner. He is stated to have run away from the spot.

In pursuance of the interim order dated 12.03.2018 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation. He is not required for custodial interrogation. Recovery has already been effected. Therefore, no useful purpose will be served by sending him to custody.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts of the case in minute details and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I find merit in this petition and the same is allowed. The order dated 12.03.2018, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

09.08.2018

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Note:	Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
	Whether reportable	:	No