

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

CRM-M-19750-2018
Date of decision: 25.09.2018

Krishan Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. J. K. Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M. S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 368 dated 07.12.2017, under Sections 61(1) of the Punjab Excise Act, registered at Police Station Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda.

On 14.05.2018, the following order has been passed: -

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per allegations in the FIR, the police received a secret information that the petitioner along with one Gurpreet Singh is bringing country-made liquor from Haryana. Counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner was not arrested at the spot and co-accused of the petitioner namely Gurpreet Singh has already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail vide order dated 06.03.2018 passed in CRM-M-2283-2018. Notice of motion for 24.08.2018. In the meantime, petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer within a period of 10 days to join the investigation and he shall be released on interim bail on furnishing bail/surety

bonds subject to the following conditions: - 1. He shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required; 2. He shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer; and 3. He shall not leave India without previous permission of the Court.”

Thereafter, on 24.08.2018, learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Balbir Singh, submitted that the petitioner had not joined the investigation and one last opportunity was granted to the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer on 30.08.2018.

The matter has been taken up today. Learned State counsel has submitted that the petitioner has not yet joined the investigation.

In view of the above, without making any comment on the merits of the case, considering the allegations in the FIR and the conduct of the petitioner, I find no ground to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, this petition is dismissed.

September 25, 2018

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No