

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

CRM-M-28695-2018

Date of Decision:- 15.10.2018

Sukhdeep Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Bikramjeet Singh Jatana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S.Sandhu, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.58 dated 18.05.2018, under Section 61/1/14 of Punjab Excise Act, at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa.

The FIR was lodged on the basis of receipt of secret information to the effect that Sukhdeep Singh (petitioner) brings liquor at cheaper rates from Haryana and stores the same in his residential house and, thereafter, sells at higher rates.

Pursuant to the receipt of aforesaid information, a raid was conducted in the house of the petitioner and 480 bottles of country made liquor were seized (for sale in Haryana).

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has falsely been implicated in the present case and that he was not arrested at the spot.

On the other hand, learned State counsel has submitted that recovery of 480 bottles from the residence of the petitioner fully substantiates the case of the prosecution and that, as such, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail. It has however, been informed that the petitioner has since joined investigation.

Having heard the rival submissions addressed before this Court and also that the petitioner was not arrested at the spot and has already joined the investigation, the petition is hereby accepted and interim directions issued vide order dated 12.07.2018 are made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when directed and would fully cooperate with the investigation.

October 15, 2018

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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No