

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

CRM No.M-51279 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: December 17, 2018

Jaspal Singh @ Pal

...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr.Viney Saini, Advocate for
Mr.Achin Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.Pawan Sharda, Sr.DAG, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.268 dated 01.11.2018 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, registered at Police Station Raman, District Bathinda.

Notice of motion was issued. Learned State counsel appeared and contested the petition.

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that FIR in the present case has been registered on the basis of secret information and

recovery of 200 kgs. of *lahan* has been effected. As per prosecution

version, present petitioner ran away from the spot.

The petitioner has already joined the investigation. Recovery has already been effected. He is not required for custodial interrogation. No useful purpose will be served by sending the petitioner to custody.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and without discussing the facts of the case in minute details and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I find it a fit case, where the petitioner is entitled to benefit of anticipatory bail. Therefore, the present petition is accepted and the order dated 22.11.2018 granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute.

December 17, 2018
Vgulati

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No