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

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Date of Decision: 20.12.2018

Randeep Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Harshit Jain, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Pawan Sharda, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Petitioner 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.187 dated 03.11.2018, registered at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur, under Sections 61 and 78 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.

As per the allegations, one Swift car was intercepted by the police. However, the accused while leaving the car at the spot succeeding in

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fleeing away from there. From the dickey of car, 12 boxes containing liquor 'Super Himmat Santra (Chandgiarh) for sale in U.T. Chandigarh only, total 216 bottles, were recovered.

In pursuance of the interim order dated 05.12.2018 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 the petitioner 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 05.12.2018, 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.

20.12.2018

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

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