

**CRM-M-745-2018**

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

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**Date of Decision: 16.08.2018**

Bikkar Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH**

Present: Mr. Pardeep Khadka, Advocate for  
Mr. Amandeep Singh Cheema, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, 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.117 dated 02.12.2017, registered at Police Station Bareta, District Mansa, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

Notice of motion was issued in this case. Learned State counsel 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 gone through the record.

From the record, I find that as per the allegations, the present petitioner was driving a car and from the same, 360 bottles of countrymade

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liquor were recovered. As per the prosecution version, the present petitioner fled away from the spot.

In pursuance of the interim order dated 11.01.2018 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 11.01.2018, 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.

**16.08.2018**

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)**  
**JUDGE**

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| <b>Note:</b> | Whether speaking/reasoned | : | Yes |
|              | Whether reportable        | : | No  |