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

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Date of Decision: 25.02.2019

Bhupinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Kulwinder Singh, 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.278 dated 17.12.2018, registered at Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda, 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 gone through the record.

Perusal of record shows that FIR, in the present case, has been registered on the basis of secret information and 13 boxes of liquor make

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Shahi Haryana were recovered from a Tavera bearing No.PB-30K-6911. The allegation against the present petitioner is that he succeeded in running away from the spot.

In pursuance of the interim order dated 24.01.2019 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 24.01.2019, 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.

25.02.2019

parveen kumar

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

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