

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

**CRM-M No.10412 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 14.08.2019**

Satnam Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present:- None for the petitioner.

A.S.I. Bikar Singh for the respondent/State.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.215 dated 24.10.2018, under Sections 61(1), 78 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa.

This Court, while issuing notice of motion on 07.03.2019, passed the following order:-

“ It is, inter alia, contended that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and the unknown persons, whose motorcycle was allegedly intercepted, ran away from the spot. The recovery had already been effected and, thus, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary.

Notice of motion for 3.7.2019.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join investigation with the Investigating Officer on 14.3.2019 at 10:00 A.M. and cooperate therewith. In the event of his arrest,

he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/SHO concerned subject to his compliance of the conditions enshrined under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. ”

Today, A.S.I. Bikar Singh, who is present in the Court, submits that petitioner has joined the investigation in terms of order dated 07.03.2019 and his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of above, interim order dated 07.03.2019 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. and the present petition stands disposed off.

It is made clear that the petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

The observations may not be considered as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

August 14, 2019
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No