

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

**CRM-M No. 12732 of 2019
Date of Decision:-30.07.2019**

Amit Narula

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present:- None for the petitioner.

ASI Tarsem Singh in person
for the State.

MANOJ BAJAJ J.(Oral)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.27 dated 19.2.2019, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station City-I Abohar, District Fazilka. The petitioner apprehend his arrest at the hands of Police.

This Court vide order dated 19.3.2019, while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, extended the interim protection to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

*“Inter alia relies upon order dated 18.03.2019
passed in CRM-M-12550-2019.*

Notice of motion for 30.07.2019.

To be heard alongwith CRM-M-12550-2019.

*Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join
investigation with the Investigating Officer on
03.04.2019 at 10.00 a.m. and co-operate 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 joining the investigation and compliance of the provisions enshrined under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Upon a call given by Punjab & Haryana High Court Bar Association, the lawyers are abstaining from appearance.

However, ASI Tarsem Singh, who is present in person on behalf of State does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. He further states that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 19.3.2019 is made absolute. However, it is made clear that this order shall remain operative only till the filing of the final report under Section 173 (2) Cr.P.C.

The petition stands allowed.

July 30, 2019
Vijay Asija

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No