

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

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CRM-M-16973-2019 (O & M)
Date of Decision:30.05.2019

Bagga Singh @ Amandeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. B.S. Jatana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harsimar Singh Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

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.72 dated 31.03.2019 under Sections 61, 78(2) of the Punjab Excise Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa. The petitioner apprehended his arrest at the hands of Police.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 12.04.2019 whereby while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner Bagga Singh @ Amandeep Singh was a passenger in the vehicle which was being driven by his co-accused, namely, Sandeep Singh from which the alleged recovery was effected. She further relies upon the order dated 05.04.2019 passed in CRM-M-15732-2019 whereby interim anticipatory bail has been extended to Sandeep Singh.

Notice of motion for 30.05.2019.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted himself before the Police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the Police Authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel on instructions from HC Harcharan Singh 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 12.04.2019 is made absolute. However, it is made clear that this order shall remain operative till the filing of the final report under Section 173 (2) Cr.P.C.

The petition stands allowed.

30.05.2019
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(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No