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

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Date of Decision: 02.04.2019

Karam Singh @ Karan Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. R.S.Manhas, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. 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.12 dated 28.08.2018, registered at Police Station Dhar Kalan, District Pathankot, under Section 61 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.

As per the prosecution version, when raid was conducted at the shed of the petitioner, he fled away from the spot. However, 102 bottles of licit liquor were recovered.

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In pursuance of the interim order dated 16.11.2018 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 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 16.11.2018, 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.

02.04.2019

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

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