

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-45302-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-30.1.2019

Baljinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Rahul Rampal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Simranjeet Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.207 dated 5.9.2018 at Police Station Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, wherein offence under Sections 1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 was added later on.

The allegations, in nutshell, are that pursuant to a secret information received by the police to the effect that the petitioner Baljinder Singh and his wife Harpreet Kaur are in habit of selling liquor (made in Haryana), a raid was conducted at the house of the accused and 39 boxes of liquor (made in Haryana) were recovered. The petitioner is, however, stated to have given a slip and managed to escape.

Pursuant to interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has joined investigation, as has been informed by the learned State

counsel, upon instructions from Head Constable Sukhdev Singh, who is present in Court.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and that the petitioner was not arrested at the spot and has already joined investigation, the present petition is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 12.10.2018 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when directed. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

This petition stands accepted accordingly.

30.1.2019

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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No