

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

CRM-M-46205-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:- 13.2.2019

Sikander Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Bhupinder Singh, Advocate, for
Mr. Rupinderpal Singh Dhillon, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.185, dated 30.10.2017, registered at Police Station Ajnala, District Amritsar Rural, under Section 61-1-14 of Punjab Excise Act.
2. The allegations, in nutshell, are that upon a raid having been conducted at the house of the petitioner, 2 drums containing 200 Kgs of 'Lahan' were recovered.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was never arrested at the spot and has been falsely implicated in the present case.
4. Learned State counsel, upon instructions from HC Balwinder Singh has informed that pursuant to directions issued by this Court vide

order dated 17.10.2018, the petitioner has joined investigation. Learned State counsel has further informed that the petitioner is not involved in any other identical case.

5. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and that the petitioner has already joined investigation and that the petitioner has never been arrested at the spot, in my opinion it is a fit case for grant of anticipatory bail. The petition, as such, is accepted and interim directions issued vide order dated 17.10.2018 are made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall appear and join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

February 13, 2019

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No