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

**CRM-M No.52866 of 2018
Date of Decision: 23.01.2019**

Ram Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present:- Mr.Munish Bansal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.96 dated 04.09.2018, under Sections 61 and 78 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station Kotbhai District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

While issuing notice of motion, this court passed the following order on 03.12.2018:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the recovery of the alleged eight boxes of liquor mark 'First Choice' was made from Scorpio vehicle No. PB03 AR-6194 and the petitioner is not the owner of the said vehicle.

Learned State counsel seeks time to place on record extra judicial confession made by the petitioner.

Adjourned to 23.01.2019.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail till the next date of hearing on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner is also directed to abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. ”

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Learned State Counsel, on instructions from ASI Harjeet Singh has acknowledged that in terms of the previous order the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is no longer required in this case.

In view of above, the interim order dated 03.12.2018 is made absolute, subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. and the present petition stands disposed off.

23.01.2019

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**(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>