

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-32061 of 2019
Date of Decision: 05.11.2019

Manpreet Verma and anotherPetitioners

VERSUS

State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURINDER GUPTA

Present: Mr. K.D. Sachdeva, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Amitoj Singh Dhaliwal, DAG, Punjab.

SURINDER GUPTA, J.(Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail to petitioners in case FIR No.171 dated 01.07.2019 registered for offences punishable under Sections 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 and 420, 465, 467, 471 of Indian Penal Code, at Police Station Kotwali Patiala, District Patiala.

Heard.

Instant petition was dismissed as withdrawn *qua* petitioner no.1-Manpreet Verma, vide order dated 21.08.2019.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Mukhtiar Singh submits that petitioner no. 2-Bikramjit has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is no more required for the purpose of further investigation of the case.

In view of submission of learned State counsel but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition *qua* petitioner no. 2-Bikramjit is allowed and order dated 21.08.2019 is made absolute till

the presentation of challan, subject to the following terms:-

- (i) that the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by the police as and when required;
- (ii) that the petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the accusation against him so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;
- (iii) that the petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Court.
- (iv) that the petitioner will seek regular bail on the presentation of challan in Court.

November 05, 2019
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(SURINDER GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No