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

CRM-M-39432 of 2019

Date of decision: November 07, 2019

Amrik Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Ms. Mandeep Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Mandeep Kumar Dhot, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Multani, AAG Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Cr. P.C.') for grant of anticipatory bail to petitioner, in FIR No.129 dated 17.07.2019, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station City Dhuri, District Sangrur.

On 17.09.2019, while issuing notice of motion, this Court has passed the following order:-

“Contends that recovery of alleged contraband i.e. 300 bottles of country-made liquor has already been effected. Also contends that there is no other criminal case against the petitioner.

Notice of motion for 07.11.2019.

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.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Khalil Khan, has stated that in terms of order dated 17.09.2019, the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of the above, order dated 17.09.2019 granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the provisions of Section 438(2) Cr. P.C.

Petition stands disposed off, accordingly.

However, it is made clear that the petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

November 07, 2019

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No