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

CRM-M-42440 of 2019

Date of decision: November 16, 2019

Ravi Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Vikram Satpal Anand, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Senior DAG 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.198 dated 15.09.2019, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station City Sunam, District Sangrur.

On 03.10.2019, while issuing notice of motion, this Court has passed the following order:-

“Contends that recovery of alleged contraband i.e. 120 bottles of liquor make Haryana Malta, has already been effected from the co-accused.

Notice of motion for 16.11.2019.

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 police official present in Court to assist him, has stated that in terms of order dated 03.10.2019, the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of the above, order dated 03.10.2019 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 16, 2019

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No