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

CRM-M-43612 of 2019

Date of decision: November 15, 2019

Sukhjinder Singh @ Babbu

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Ms. Amanpreet Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Jagraj Singh Khiva, 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.166 dated 30.09.2019, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station City-1, Mansa, District Mansa.

On 14.10.2019, while issuing notice of motion, this Court has passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged 72 bottles of country made liquor have already been recovered.

Notice of motion for 15.11.2019.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join 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 Ajaib Singh, has stated that in terms of order dated 14.10.2019, the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of the above, order dated 14.10.2019 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 15, 2019

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No