

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-61681-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision: 07.05.2019

Isharpal Singh @ Lakha

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Inderjit Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.206 dated 29.09.2018 under Sections 61/78 of Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Maur, District Bathinda.

Vide order dated 09.01.2019, the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail subject to the condition that he will join the investigation. Thereafter, on 27.03.2019, it was informed by the learned State counsel that the petitioner has not joined the investigation. The petitioner was granted one last opportunity to appear before the Investigating Officer on 09.04.2019 and it was clarified that if the petitioner failed to join the investigation, interim protection shall stand vacated.

Today again, learned State counsel, on instructions ASI Gurtej

Singh, has submitted that the petitioner has not joined the investigation despite granting two opportunities by this Court. It is further submitted that the petitioner is involved in four other cases under the Punjab Excise Act, NDPS Act and the Indian Penal Code.

The allegations against the petitioner are that the police conducted a raid and recovered 216 bottles of country-made liquor from co-accused Barkha Singh and Balbir Singh, who were arrested at the spot and on their nomination, the petitioner was involved in this case/FIR.

Considering the conduct of the petitioner that despite availing two opportunities granted by this Court, he has failed to join the investigation, I find no ground to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No