

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

**CRM-M-57377-2018
Date of decision: 11.03.2019**

Rahul Palta

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Naveen Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 241, dated 31.10.2018, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Sadar, District Ludhiana.

The operative part of the order dated 19.12.2018, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is reproduced below:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations in the FIR, the petitioner was not arrested at the spot and his name surfaced on the disclosure of the co-accused.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that recovery has already been effected and the petitioner is ready to join the investigation.

Notice of motion for 11.03.2019.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, in pursuance to the order dated 19.12.2018, has already appeared before the SHO/Investigating Officer and has joined the investigation.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from SI Gurpreet

Singh, has not disputed the factual position and submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no more required for any further investigation, however, there is one more case under the Excise Act against the petitioner, in which, he is on bail.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner, vide order dated 19.12.2018, is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

March 11, 2019

Waseem Ansari

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No