

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-55175-2018

Date of Decision: 13.02.2019

Manpreet Singh @ Kala Singh and another

.. Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

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Inderjit Singh, J. (Oral)

Petitioners Manpreet Singh @ Kala Singh and Bahal Singh have filed this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.110 dated 04.09.2018, registered at Police Station Jhunir, District Mansa (Punjab), under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

Notice of motion was issued in this case.

Learned State counsel has appeared on behalf of the respondent-State and contested this petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

As per the prosecution version, both the petitioners ran away from the spot and 96 bottles of country made liquor had been recovered in this case.

In pursuance of the interim order dated 15.12.2018, passed by

this Court, the petitioners have already joined the investigation. They are

not required for custodial interrogation. Recovery has already been effected.

No useful purpose would be served by sending them to custody.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts of the case in minute details and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I find merit in this petition and the same is allowed. The order dated 15.12.2018, granting interim bail to the petitioners, is made absolute. However, the petitioners shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

13.02.2019
Jasmine Kaur

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No