

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

**CRM-M-11922-2020
Date of Decision: 22.07.2020**

GURPREET SINGH ALIAS LUKKA

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr.Justice Deepak Sibal

Present: Mr.Gopal Singh Nahel, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr.A.A. Pathak, Additional Advocate General, Punjab

Deepak Sibal, J. (Oral)

Case taken up through Video Conferencing.

The present application has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for the grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.47 dated 09.03.2020 registered under Sections 61/78/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station City Dhuri, District Sangrur.

The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had smuggled in his car 252 bottles of country made liquor from Chandigarh to Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case by the police officials due to personal grudges; no recovery has been made from the petitioner; he has no concern with the alleged recovery; under the interim order of this Court dated 18.05.2020 petitioner has not only joined investigation but has also cooperated with the investigating agency; he is not involved in any other case and that the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude.

Learned State counsel submits that in pursuance to the interim order passed by this Court the petitioner has not only joined investigation but has also fully cooperated with the investigating agency and that his custodial interrogation is no longer required by the State.

The petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case; he has joined investigation and have fully cooperated with the investigating agency; no recovery is to be effected from him and at this stage, the petitioner is not required by the investigating agency for any further questioning. Therefore, this Court is of the considered opinion that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not warranted.

In view of the above, the order of this Court dated 18.05.2020, granting ad interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

Nothing observed herein-above shall be considered to be an expression of opinion by this Court on the merits of the case.

22.07.2020
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(Deepak Sibal)
Judge

Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No