

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

CRM-M-12296-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 29.07.2020

Rajesh Wadhwa

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Raman Goklaney, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Sandhu, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

This order shall dispose of the instant petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.57 dated 22.03.2020 under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act, registered at Police Station City-1 Abohar, District Fazilka.

The following order was passed by this Court on 22.05.2020:-

“This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

It is contended that the petitioner is being targeted due to professional rivalry. The petitioner has been afforded the concession of interim anticipatory bail in CRM No.M-12252 of 2020 i.e., FIR No.39 dated 24.03.2020 under Section 61 of the

Punjab Excise Act.

Learned counsel for the State is unable to deny the pendency of CRM No.M-12252 of 2020.

At request, adjourned to 29.07.2020.

To be taken up alongwith CRM No.M-12252 of 2020.

In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and shall fully cooperate in the investigation of this case. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of Investigating Officer. Petitioner shall comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Bhupinder Singh, informs the Court that the petitioner has since joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above petition is allowed. Order dated 22.05.2020 is made absolute.

Petition disposed of.

**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

July 29, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No