

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

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**CRM-M-14187-2020
Decided on : 20.08.2020**

Soma Singh @ Nirmal Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr.Mohit Sadana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr.B.S.Sewak, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

(The proceedings are being conducted through video conferencing,
as per instructions.)

G.S. Sandhawal, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., by the petitioner for grant of pre-arrest bail in FIR No.55 dated 10.04.2020 lodged under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 and Section 188 of IPC at Police Station Longowal, District Sangrur.

On 05.06.2020, the following order had been passed:

“Counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner has been implicated on the statement of Harpreet Singh, co-accused, who was apprehended at the spot alongwith the consignment of 72 bottles of country made liquor and, therefore, the veracity as such of the statement of the co-accused would be decided during trial. Counsel submits that the recovery has also been effected and the investigation could have been carried out through the person who was in the custody of the police.

Notice of motion.

Mr. H.S. Grewal, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice and prays for time to find out whether any similar case is pending against the petitioner.

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Adjourned to 20.08.2020.

In the meantime, it is directed that the petitioner shall join investigation and in the event of arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on ad-interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the investigation officer. The petitioner shall join investigation as and when required and shall comply with the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has joined investigation. Said fact is vouched by the State Counsel, on instructions from ASI-Surinder Pal Singh. He further submits that the petitioner is not required in any other similar case.

Accordingly, in view of the above, the interim bail granted on 05.06.2020 is made absolute.

Petition stands disposed of.

**(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE**

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No