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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-14660-2020(O&M)
Date of decision: 20.07.2020

Harpreet Singh @ Matta

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

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

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

On 12.6.2020, the following order was passed by this

Court:-

“The petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in a criminal case arising out from FIR No.55 dated 10.04.2020, registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 and Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code, at Police Station Longowal, District Sangrur.

In a nutshell, the case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was reported to be lying on the ground along with 72 bottles of country made liquor. It is alleged that the petitioner along with his co-

accused Soma Singh were smuggling the country made liquor on a motor cycle. It is surprising that, although, the petitioner was found lying near the illegally smuggled liquor but never apprehended.

Hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

Learned counsel for the State is unable to throw any light on this aspect. However, he concedes that the petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents.

Notice of motion for 20.07.2020.

On asking of this court, Mr. SPS Tinna, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to furnishing personal bonds and surety to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Gurbaksh Singh submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation, cooperated and is not required for further custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, order dated 12.6.2020 is hereby made absolute.

Petition stands allowed.

20.7.2020	(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable	Yes / No