

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

**CRM-M-15158-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: September 14, 2020**

GURJANT SINGH @ JANTA

..... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..... Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Siddharth Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

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

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.55 dated 23.05.2020, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, Police Station Phool, District Bathinda.

The petitioner, it is submitted, has been falsely implicated in the above mentioned FIR. He was not found present at the time of the alleged recovery and the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case. The petitioner, it is submitted, has joined investigation pursuant to order dated 15.07.2020.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Learned counsel for the State on instructions from ASI Sukhminder Singh affirms that the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required. It is further verified that he is not involved in any other criminal case.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as above but without commenting upon or expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed. Consequently, order dated 15.07.2020 is made absolute. Needless to say, the petitioner shall comply with the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) of Cr.P.C.

It is clarified that none of the observations made hereinabove shall be construed to be a reflection on the merits of the case. The same are solely confined for the purpose of decision of the present petition.

September 14, 2020
Sunil

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

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