

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

CRM-M-15370-2020
Date of decision: 4.8.2020

Sumit Doda

.....Petitioner.

vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent.

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Gautam Dutt, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

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Sanjay Kumar, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in relation to FIR No. 114 dated 18.5.2020 on the file of Police Station City Fazilka, District Fazilka, registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

The petitioner was not named in the secret information report which led to registration of the subject FIR. The named accused already secured anticipatory bail from the Sessions Court on 22.5.2020. Taking note of this aspect, this Court directed the petitioner to join investigation, *vide* order dated 17.6.2020. Further, in the event of his arrest, this Court directed the release of the petitioner on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, would state on instructions from SI Gurmeet Singh, Police Station Fazilka, that the petitioner joined the investigation pursuant to the order of this Court and that his custodial interrogation is not required at this stage.

In the light of the aforestated statement, this petition is allowed. The petitioner shall continue to co-operate with the police in the course of the investigation in FIR No. 114 dated 18.5.2020 on the file of Police Station City Fazilka, District Fazilka. In the event his arrest is warranted in future in relation to this case, the petitioner shall be released on bail upon furnishing a personal bond for a sum of Rs. 20,000/- along with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer concerned. In such an event, the petitioner shall also abide by the conditions prescribed in Section 438(2) Cr. P.C.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

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