

CRM-M No.15586 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 18.06.2020

Harpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIRMALJIT KAUR

Present: Mr. P.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

NIRMALJIT KAUR, J. (ORAL)

The present petition is filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.295 dated 29.05.2020 under Sections 61/78 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala

Issue notice of motion.

Mr. H.S. Grewal, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent/State.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegation is of bringing illegal liquor from outside in his Etios Live vehicle bearing No.PB-12DD-1212. However, the said vehicle does not belong to the petitioner.

Heard.

Admittedly, it is not a case of producing or manufacturing the said liquor. The allegation appears to be of avoiding the paying of excise.

In view of the same, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to join the investigation within a period of two weeks and on their doing so, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall continue to 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.

In case, the petitioner does not join the investigation or does not cooperate in the investigation, the respondent/State shall be at liberty to file an application for cancellation of his anticipatory bail.

(NIRMALJIT KAUR)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No