

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

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**CRM-M No.15771 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of decision:20.08.2020**

Babblu Ram

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Bikramjeet Singh Jatana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL J. (ORAL)

The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

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Prayer in the application is for exemption from filing original vakalatnama and original attested affidavit of the petitioner. For the reasons given in the application, same is allowed and the petitioner is granted exemption as prayed for subject to the rider that the counsel will file the original Vakalatnama with the Registry of this Court within a period of one month after the lockdown is over.

Main case

Through the instant petition under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No.99, dated 10.06.2020 registered under Sections 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Bareta, District Mansa.

Vide order dated 19.06.2020 passed by this Court, the petitioner was released on interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

Learned State counsel on instructions from HC Rinku Singh states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation. He has further instructions to state that the petitioner is not involved in any other case of similar nature.

In view of the said facts, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 19.06.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

20.08.2020

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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No