

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc.-M No.17085 of 2020
Date of Decision: November 19, 2020

Sarabjit Singh @ Laadi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Banga, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.92 dated 25.05.2020, under Section 61 Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station, Chattiwind, Amritsar. The petitioner apprehended his arrest at the hands of police in the above FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 14.07.2020, whereby while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Pursuant to secret information 40 bottles of illicit liquor are stated to have recovered from the residence of the petitioner. The petitioner, however, was not arrested at the spot.

Notice of motion for 19.11.2020.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal

bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted himself before the police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the police authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. Learned counsel, on instructions from ASI Gurpreet Singh, further states that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 14.07.2020 is made absolute.

November 19, 2020
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(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No