

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

**CRM-M No.18375 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 25.08.2020**

Inderjit Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present:- Mr. Inderjit Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab
for the respondent.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.0077 dated 22.05.2020, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Nathana, District Bathinda.

This Court, while issuing notice of motion on 13.07.2020, passed the following order:-

“ *Inter alia contends that recovery of the alleged 50 liters of lahan has already been effected.*

Notice of motion for 25.08.2020.

In the meanwhile, petitioner is directed to join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail, till the next date of hearing, on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner is also directed to abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. ”

Contends that in terms of the above order, petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned State Counsel, on instructions from A.S.I. Chamkaur Singh, has acknowledged that in terms of order dated 13.07.2020, petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of above, interim order dated 13.07.2020 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

Disposed off accordingly.

August 25, 2020

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**(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>