

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

CRM-M- 20219 of 2020

Date of Decision : July 24, 2020

Harbhajan Lal @ Bhaja

..... PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.... RESPONDENT(S)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dullat, Additional Advocate General,
Punjab.

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Sanjay Kumar, J.

The petitioner is the accused in FIR No. 74 dated 25.06.2020 on the file of Police Station Qilla Lal Singh, District Batala, registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914. By way of this petition, he seeks anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C.

The petitioner was granted interim bail in the first instance by the jurisdictional Sessions Court. However, the same was vacated and his anticipatory bail petition was dismissed on 08.07.2020, owing to the fact that there were four other cases registered against him. It is however relevant to note that the State reported that the petitioner had joined the investigation on 07.07.2020 leading to the recovery of 50 bottles of illicit

liquor. It was further stated by the ASI concerned that the petitioner was no longer required for further investigation.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dullat, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, would reiterate this stand and state that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required at this stage.

That being so, this petition is allowed directing the release of the petitioner on bail in the event his arrest is hereafter warranted in FIR No. 74 dated 25.06.2020 on the file of Police Station Qilla Lal Singh, District Batala, upon his furnishing a personal bond for a sum of ₹50,000/-, along with two sureties for a like sum each, to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

July 24, 2020
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(Sanjay Kumar)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No