

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

CRM-M No.22988 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 17.08.2020

Hardeep Kaur @ Harpreet Kaur @ Hasdeep Kaur

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Sumeet Puri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this 2nd petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.146 dated 23.08.2019 registered under Section 61/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station City Dhuri, District Sangrur.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the earlier petition was disposed by this Court on 21.11.2019 with the observation that since the petitioner was arrested in some other FIR, the petitioner could not join the investigation.

Counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that the earlier petition was filed by the name Hardeep Kaur @ Harpreet Kaur whereas the correct name of the petitioner is Hardeep Kaur @ Harpreet Kaur @ Hasdeep Kaur. It is further argued that due to the confusion of her alias name, it was wrongly stated when the first application was dismissed that she is involved in some other FIR whereas the petitioner was not involved in any case and the said observation was wrongly noticed. It is also submitted that the husband of the petitioner, from whom the recovery has been effected, has already been arrested and he has been granted the concession of regular bail.

Counsel for the State has submitted that the recovery of 60 bottles of country-made liquor were effected from the house, which is owned by the husband of the petitioner namely Gurpreet Singh and

both i.e. the petitioner and her husband escaped from the spot when the raid was conducted. Counsel for the State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has further argued that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and was never arrested in any other FIR under the Punjab Excise Act.

After hearing the counsel for the parties and in view of the fact that the petitioner is neither involved in any other case now was arrested when the earlier bail application was dismissed on this account and subsequently, her husband, who is owner of the house from where the recovery was effected and he has been granted the concession of regular bail, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer within a period of 10 days from today to join investigation and she shall be released on interim bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds subject to the following conditions:-

1. *She shall make herself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;*
2. *She shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer; and*
3. *She shall not leave India without previous permission of the Court.*

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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