

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-24446 of 2020

DECIDED ON: 7th DECEMBER, 2020

Ranjeet Singh @ Rinku

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. N.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This is a petition seeking anticipatory.

On 26.8.2020, the following order was passed:

"Case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

This is a petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 96 dated 04.8.2020 under Section 61 of the Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Sadar Rampura, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the raid was conducted on the basis of secret information but the petitioner was not apprehended on the spot. He further submits that recovery of 50 litres of lahan was allegedly effected from the joint family house of the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. P.S.Walia, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State. He points out that when the police officials went to raid the house of the petitioner, he ran away by scaling the wall.

Since despite the secret information, the petitioner was not apprehended on the spot and the house belongs to the joint family, interim bail is granted to the petitioner. He is directed to join the investigation and if he is sought to be arrested, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer subject to the conditions as envisaged in Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Adjourned to 07.12.2020."

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has joined investigation.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Kewal Singh submits that petitioner has joined the investigation and no custodial interrogation is required.

In view of the above, the interim bail granted to the petitioner on 26.8.2020 is made absolute.

The petition stands disposed of.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

7th DECEMBER, 2020

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