

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

CRM-M-25644-2020

DECIDED ON: 7th DECEMBER, 2020

BALDEV SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. PKS Phoolka, 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 bail in FIR No. 82, dated 23.07.2020, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Nandgarh, District Bathinda.

On 25th September, 2020 this court passed the following order:-

“Reply by way of affidavit dated 16.09.2020 of Sh. Davinder Singh, DSP, Rural, Bathinda on behalf of the respondent/State has been filed in the Registry. The same is taken on record. Registry will tag the reply at the appropriate place.

Learned State Counsel wishes to verify the pendency of other criminal cases against the petitioner.

On request, adjourned to 07.12.2020.

In the meanwhile, petitioner will join the investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail in the present case 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) Cr.P.C.”

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Mehnga Singh submits that petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of the statement made, the order dated 25th September, 2020, is made absolute.

The petition stands disposed of.

7th DECEMBER, 2020
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

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