

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

203

CRM-M-26358-2020

Date of Decision:14.12.2020

Pawan Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

Present: Mr. Navjot Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr.D.A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.40 dated 10.03.2020 under Sections 61/1/14 and 78 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Sadar Patiala, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that pursuant to the order dated 08.10.2020 passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sukhdev Singh, submits that though the petitioner has joined the investigation, but during investigation, petitioner was found involved in another case i.e. FIR

No.61 dated 21.05.2015 under Section 61/1/14 of the Excise Act, registered at Police Station Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in the aforesaid case, petitioner is already on bail.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is no more required, present petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner vide order dated 08.10.2020 is made absolute, subject to payment of costs of ₹10,000/- to be deposited by the petitioner, within a period of one month from today with the Bar Association of this Court.

However, if required, the petitioner shall continue to join investigation as and when required to do so and shall abide by the terms and conditions, as laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

December 14, 2020
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No