

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

**CRM-M-26530-2020**

**Date of decision:24.11.2020**

Gajjan Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL**

Present:- Mr. Kushaldeep S. Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dullat, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

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**HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)**

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.16 dated 08.02.2020, registered at Police Station Meharban, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana, under Section 61(1) of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

On 08.09.2020, a Coordinate Bench of this Court passed the following order:-

“Inter alia contends that co-accused of the petitioner, namely Jaga Singh has already been granted interim protection by this Court vide order dated 26.08.2020.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State and seeks time to file reply.

On his request, adjourned to 24.11.2020.

To be heard along with CRM-M-24301-2020.

In the meanwhile, petitioner will join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail, 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) of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to the

order dated 08.09.2020 passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from H.C. Sanjiv Kumar, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is not required for any further investigation.

In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 08.09.2020 passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

**24.11.2020**

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**(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)**  
**JUDGE**

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| Whether reasoned/speaking? | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable?        | Yes/No |