

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-29484-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-16.11.2020

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... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Vishal Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab,
assisted by ASI Baldev Singh.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.249 dated 28.8.2020 at Police Station Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 wherein the allegations are mainly to the effect that 33 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from him.
2. Pursuant to interim directions, the petitioner is stated to have joined investigation.
3. Although the learned State counsel has opposed the petition on the ground that the petitioner was involved in three other cases, but the learned counsel

for the petitioner has informed that the said FIRs pertaining to the year 2012-13.

4. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation, his custodial interrogation is not warranted. The petition, as such, is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 24.9.2020 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

16.11.2020

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No