

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-32960-2019

Date of Decision: 09.01.2020

Sandeep Kumar @ Chhotu

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

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

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

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Manoj Bajaj, J. (Oral)

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in a case FIR No.30 dated 18.07.2019 under Sections 61 and 78 Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Pojewal, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar. He apprehended his arrest at the hands of Police.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 28.08.2019 whereby while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was neither present at the spot when the alleged recovery was effected nor the vehicle involved in the crime belongs to him.

Notice of motion for 09.01.2020.

In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, he shall be

admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted himself before the Police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the Police Authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel who is assisted by HC Jaswinder Singh does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. Learned counsel on instructions from HC Jawinder Singh further states that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 28.08.2019 is made absolute.

09.01.2020
Jasmine Kaur

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No