

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

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**CRM-M-43576 -2019
Date of decision: 12.03.2020**

Harman Singh @ Harmanpreet Singh Virk

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Mr. Neeraj Yadav, Advocate for
Mr. Mikhail Kad, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Kaundal, DAG, Punjab
for respondent-State.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short, 'the Cr.P.C') for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 239 dated 11.09.2019 registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Lehra, District Sangrur.

Vide order dated 16.10.2019 passed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join the investigation.

Learned State Counsel has appeared on behalf of the respondent-State and opposed the bail application.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and gone through the record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was falsely implicated in the present case. The petitioner has joined the investigation. Nothing is to be recovered from him and his

custodial interrogation is not required.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Narinder Singh, has acknowledged that in compliance with order dated 16.10.2019 passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation and submitted that his custodial interrogation is not required for effecting any further recovery.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of accusation and material against the petitioner and particularly the fact that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required in the case but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I am of the considered view that the petitioner deserves the concession of anticipatory bail.

Therefore, the petition is allowed and order dated 16.10.2019 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions enumerated in Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C., failing which the protection of anticipatory bail order shall not be available to him.

12.03.2020

Rajeev (rvs)

(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No