

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-3374-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 03.09.2021

Gurpreet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. L.M. Gulati, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab
assisted by SI Akash Sharama.

(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 against him vide FIR No.274 dated 08.12.2020 at Police Station City Rajpura, District Patiala, under Sections 61,78(2)/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act and Sections 420/465/468/471 IPC.
2. At the time of issuance of notice of motion on 25.01.2021, the following order was passed:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it is a case where the police is alleged to have received a secret information against 4 accused namely Deepesh Grover, Karaj, Hardeep Singh @ Bachhi and Gurpreet Singh to the effect that the said persons along with other unknown persons indulged in processing illicit liquor after obtaining extra neutral alcohol. It is further the case of prosecution that pursuant to the said information a raid was conducted at the nominated place i.e. at a

godown opposite Scholar Public School, Rajpura and two persons namely Deepesh Grover and Karaj Singh were apprehended while they were drawing extra neutral alcohol in a drum from a tanker bearing registration No.HR-37-D-6287 for the purpose of illicit/adulterated liquor.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he is merely a driver of the truck in question which is owned by Sainik Transport and that he was never aware of the contents being transported in the truck at the instance of the customer.

Notice of motion for 17.05.2021.

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3. Learned State counsel upon instructions has informed that pursuant to interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has since joined investigation and that is not wanted in any other case.
4. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case particularly that the petitioner is stated to be merely a driver of the truck in question and that he has already joined investigation and has a clean record, his custodial interrogation is not wanted. The petition, as such, is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 25.01.2021 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.

03.09.2021

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No