

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

CRM-M-5873 of 2020

DECIDED ON: 14th JULY, 2021

Babli @ Rajinder Kumar

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Shakti Mehta, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This petition is filed for grant of anticipatory bail in case of FIR No.0336 dated 23.12.2019 under Section 61/1/14 of Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Patran, District Patiala.

This Court vide order dated 11.2.2020 granted interim bail subject to joining investigation. The order is reproduced below:

"An FIR has been registered on the basis of a secret information to the effect that the petitioner indulges in the sale of country-made liquor near cremation ground Road of Village Naiwala. Accordingly, a raid was conducted. It has been stated that as per the version of the prosecution, the petitioner had ran away from the spot leaving a plastic bag. Furthermore, the police party were on vehicle and in good strength. The recovery of 30 bottles of liquor has already been effected.

Notice of motion for 21.4.2020.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C."

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Jatinder Singh submits that the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

As no custodial interrogation is needed, the interim bail granted on 11.2.2020 is made absolute.

Disposed of accordingly.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)

JUDGE

14th JULY, 2021

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>