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

CRM-M-10149-2021

Date of decision : 15.09.2021

Sarabjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Nandan Jindal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

(Through Video Conferencing)

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.27 dated 04.02.2021 registered under Sections 61/78/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Dirba, District Sangrur.

On 04.03.2021, the Coordinate Bench of this Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

“Counsel for the petitioner submits that it is on the basis of disclosure statement made by co-accused Havenpreet Singh, the petitioner has been named as an accused. As per the disclosure statement, the car from where 480 bottles of liquor were recovered was registered in the name of the present petitioner, whereas the said

vehicle is not registered in the name of the petitioner, but in the name of Randip Singh. He refers to RC of the vehicle (Annexure P-2) to support his contention. Petitioner is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

Notice of motion for 27.05.2021.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the arresting officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when directed by the investigating agency and shall abide by the terms and conditions laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in pursuance of the abovesaid order, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from HC Boota Singh, has submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for any further custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the interim order dated 04.03.2021 is ordered to be made absolute.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed.

However, nothing stated above shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the observations made in the present case which are only for the purpose of adjudicating the present bail application.

15.09.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No