

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

(Sr. No. 201)

CRM-M No.10110 of 2021

Date of decision : 20.12.2021

Satpal Singh @ Satta Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present : Mr. Gurdarshan S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

Affidavit of the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana dated 20.12.2021 filed in Court today is ordered to be taken on record.

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for the grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 179 dated 19.09.2020 registered under Sections 61/1/14, 78(2) of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana.

The petitioner is being prosecuted for having illegally sold liquor in the State of Haryana to co-accused Rajinder and Davinder who have later smuggled the same to the State of Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case at the behest of co-accused Rajinder and Davinder; no recovery of any liquor has been made from the petitioner; co-accused Rajinder and Davinder have allegedly stated that they had

purchased the recovered liquor from the petitioner, who is having liquor vend at Dabwali; after the year 2018, the petitioner does not have any liquor vend in Dabwali; prior to 2018 the petitioner had a liquor vend in Dabwali, which area now is known by the petitioner's name; therefore, the petitioner has wrongly been named by co-accused Rajinder and Davinder and that under the interim order passed by this Court, the petitioner has not only joined the investigation but has also cooperated with the same.

Learned State counsel submits that under the interim order passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation; cooperated with the investigating agency and that his custodial interrogation is not required by the State.

After considering the above submissions and in particular the statement made by learned State counsel that the petitioner has joined the investigation; cooperated with the investigating agency and that his custodial interrogation is not required by the State, the interim order of this Court dated 17.08.2021, granting ad interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

20.12.2021*sunil yadav***(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No