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

CRM-M-12524-2021

Date of decision : 15.09.2021

Manpreet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Vivek Singla, 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 18.03.2021, the Coordinate Bench of this Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

“The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

Learned counsel for the petitioner relies upon the order dated 04.03.2021(Annexure P-3) passed by this Court in CRM-M-10149-2021 (Sarabjit Singh Versus State of Punjab). He submits that there is no other case against the

petitioner.

Notice of motion for 27.05.2021.

To be heard along with CRM-M-10149-2021.

Interim in the same terms.”

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 18.03.2021 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