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CRM-M-14383-2021

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-14383-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 01.09.2021

Gurjant Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. R.S. Bhatta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.131 dated 31.08.2020 under Section 61/1/14 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Jalabad, District Fazilka.

While granting interim bail to the petitioner, following order was passed by this Court on 31.03.2021: -

“...Counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that the FIR was registered on the basis of a secret information against Janta Singh son of Natha Singh and Ramesh Singh son of Natha Singh, residents of Dhani Dulle Ke, Chak Mochan Wala on the ground that they were habitual in making and selling illicit liquor. It is further contended that in fact, the petitioner is not the said person as named in the FIR and is known by the name of Gurjant Singh

son of Lakhmir Singh, resident of the same village. It is also argued that the police is seeking to arrest him after a period of six months of the registration of the FIR and that there is no other case registered against him.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Randeep Singh Khaira, AAG, Punjab, who is present through the medium of video conferencing, accepts notice for the respondent-State and would submit that in fact recovery of liquor has been effected from the house of the petitioner herein and therefore, his custodial interrogation would be required....”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the aforesaid order, the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no more required for further investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Malook Singh, has not disputed the factual position and submits that the petitioner is no more required for further investigation.

In view of the above, this petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner vide order dated 31.03.2021 is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No