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

CRM-M No. 11379 of 2020
Date of Decision: 10.09.2021

Iqbal Singh

-Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

-Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate, for
Mr. Nirmaljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amar Ashok Pathak, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

Petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case bearing FIR No.160 dated 24.07.2019 registered under Section 61/1/14 of Excise Act at Police Station Nathana, District Bathinda.

50 litres of lahan is allegedly recovered on the basis of secret information.

Notice of motion was issued on 18.03.2020 on the premise that despite the FIR having been registered on the basis of secret information, the police has not complied with mandatory requirement of Section 100(4) Cr.P.C. Interim anticipatory bail was also granted to the petitioner.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Surjit Singh submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 05.06.2020, challan has been submitted on 19.06.2021 and now the case is fixed for 28.09.2021 for framing of charges.

With filing of challan, presence of the petitioner is not required for further investigation in the case.

In view of above, order dated 18.03.2020 is hereby made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall keep on appearing before the trial Court regularly.

Disposed of.

September 10, 2021

Jyoti Sharma

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
2. Whether reportable : Yes/No