

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-11679-2020

Date of decision : 24.9.2021

Lovepreet Singh @ Lakha

... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Ajay Kumar, Advocate, for
Mr. Rishu Mahajan, , Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Case has been heard through video conferencing on account of
COVID-19 Pandemic.

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of code
of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case
FIR No.15 dated 24.1.2020 registered under Sections 61 of Punjab Excise
Act, 1914 at Police Station Sultanwind, District Amritsar.

The present bail petition has been contested by the State.

It is alleged in the FIR that 39 bottles of illicit liquor were
recovered from the spot. However, the petitioner succeeded in escaping
from there.

On the basis of interim bail order dated 19.3.2020, the
petitioner has joined the investigation with the police. Learned State counsel
on instructions from ASI Dilbagh Singh submits that now the petitioner is

Recovery of illicit liquor has already been effected in this case and after completion of investigation, challan was also presented in the Court concerned. So, this Court is of the view that no purpose will be served by sending the petitioner in custody at this stage.

In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and order of interim bail dated 19.3.2020 is hereby made absolute subject to the same terms and conditions.

September 24, 2021

Paritosh Kumar

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No