

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

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CRM-M-17160-2021

Date of Decision:12.08.2021

BAHADUR SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. Rajbir Singh Attri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, DAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

On 23.04.2021, this Court passed the following order:-

“The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 198 dated 24.05.2020 under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur, Punjab (Annexure P-2).

Counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovery of 190 litre of Lahan was effected from the agricultural fields of Harkanwal Preet Singh and Ramanjot Singh and even the vehicles on which country made liquor is allegedly transported, do not belong to the petitioner. It is his argument that the petitioner was not present at the spot, though he is alleged to have been identified by the raiding party. Counsel has referred to para 13 of the petition to submit that there is no other FIR registered against the petitioner. He is willing to join the investigation and co-operate with the investigating agency.

Notice of motion for 12.08.2021.

On asking of the Court, Mr. A.S.Gill, Senior DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, he shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C. ”

Learned State counsel on instructions from HC Parambir Singh, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is no longer required for custodial interrogation. He has further instructions to state that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

In view of the said facts, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 23.04.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

12.08.2021
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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No