

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-18657-2021

Date of decision : 24.9.2021

Sher Singh

... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Rajinder Singh Bhatta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.

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.161 dated 4.10.2020 registered under Sections 61/1/14 of Punjab
Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Sadar Jalalabad, District Fazilka.

The present bail petition has been contested by the State.

As per the allegations in the FIR, 5000 litres of *Lahan* and 30
bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from the fields of Pritam Singh on the
basis of secret information received by the police on 4.10.2020.

Learned State counsel on instructions of ASI Mukhtiar Singh
submits that the petitioner has already joined the investigation with the
police and he is not required by the police for any further investigation.

Undoubtedly, the premises/land from where the alleged

recovery was effected, was not belonging to the petitioner. The petitioner was not apprehended at the spot at the time of the alleged recovery. It being so, I deem it to be a fit case where concession of anticipatory bail could be granted.

Consequently, the present petition is allowed and order of interim bail dated 12.5.2021 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