

Sawinder Singh Alias Shinder Singh ...Petitioner.

V/S

State of Punjab ...Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.S. WALIA.

Present: Mr. Prince Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab.

B.S. WALIA. J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.
2. Prayer in the petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.89 dated 17.05.2020, registered under Sections 61/1/14, The Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Khem Karan, District Tarn Taran.
3. On 17.05.2021, the following order was passed:-

“Contends that as per prosecution case, recovery of alleged contraband i.e. 25 bottles of illicit liquor has already been effected by the police.

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In the meanwhile, petitioner will join the investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail in the present case till the next date of hearing on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner is also directed to abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2)Cr.P.C.”

4. Today, learned counsel for the petitioner contends while learned State counsel, on instructions from *ASI Resham Singh*, confirms that pursuant to the order of this Court dated 17.05.2021, the petitioner joined investigation, cooperated in the same, was released on ad-interim pre-arrest bail and his custodial interrogation is not required.

5. In view of the statement of the learned State Counsel, order dated 17.05.2021, passed by this Court, is made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions enumerated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. However, nothing stated hereinabove shall be deemed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

6. Petition stands disposed of in the aforementioned terms.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

03.08.2021

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*