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

**CRM-M-19983-2021
Date of decision-23.07.2021**

PARGAT SINGH**...Petitioner**

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB**...Respondent****CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ**

Present: Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.0027 dated 03.03.2021 under Sections 61 & 78 (2)/1/14 of Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Sadar Raikot, District Ludhiana (Punjab). The petitioner apprehended his arrest at the hands of Police, in the above FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 20.05.2021, whereby while issuing notice of motion to respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Learned counsel contends that the vehicle in question from where the illicit liquor was recovered does not belong to the petitioner. Further reliance has been placed upon the order dated 19.04.2021 (Annexure P-3), whereby his co-accused Namjyot

Singh @ Jyoti has been extended the concession of interim pre-arrest bail.

Notice of motion for 23.07.2021.

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

To be heard along with CRM-M-14234-2021.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted himself before the Police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the Police Authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel who is assisted by ASI Gulab Singh does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 20.05.2021 is made absolute.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

23.07.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No