

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

CRM-M-19958-2021.  
Date of Decision:-03.09.2021.

Kulwant Singh @ Kanta

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

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Present: Mr. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S. Walia, AAG, Punjab.

(Through Video Conferencing)

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**VIKAS BAHL, J. (Oral)**

This is the first petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.50 dated 24.04.2021 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Jhunir, District Mansa.

On 19.05.2021, a Co-ordinate Bench was pleased to pass the following order:-

*“Submits inter alia that the petitioner was neither arrested from the spot nor any recovery was directly effected from him and also there is no other case pending against him under the Excise Act.*

*2. Notice of motion.*

*3. On the asking of the Court, Mr. B.S. Sewak, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, to accept notice on behalf of the respondent- State. Let a copy of the paper-book be supplied to him.*

*4. Adjourned to 03.09.2021.*

*5. Meanwhile, in the event of arrest of the petitioner by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, he shall be released on interim bail subject to the following conditions:-*

*I. That he shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police Officer as and when required;*

*II. That he shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any Police Officer and;*

*III. That he shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.”*

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in pursuance of the above order, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel re-affirms the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further investigation.

Keeping in view the above facts and circumstances, the present

petition is allowed and the interim order dated 19.05.2021 is made absolute.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed.

Nothing stated above shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

**(VIKAS BAHL)**  
**JUDGE**

**September 03, 2021.**  
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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.