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

CRM-M No. 23613 of 2020
Date of Decision: 18.02.2021

Gurkirpal Singh Chatha

-Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab

-Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Rehan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video-conferencing.

Petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case bearing FIR No.143 dated 19.06.2019 under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act registered at Police Station City Kapurthala, District Kapurthala.

Petitioner has not been named in the FIR. The alleged recovery has been effected from co-accused. Nitish has been granted anticipatory bail in CRM-M No.30251 of 2019 vide order dated 30.09.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation, but the Investigating

Officer still submits that the petitioner has not cooperated with the Investigating Officer.

The area of non-cooperation has not been spelt out during course of arguments.

In view of above, order dated 20.08.2020 is hereby made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall keep on joining the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

18.02.2021
Jyoti Sharma

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

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| 1. | Whether speaking/reasoned | : | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable | : | Yes/No |