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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.35667 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 01.09.2021

Akash Mohan Goyal

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Arun Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.17 dated 05.03.2021 registered under Sections 68/78/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, at Police Station Chhajli, District Sangrur.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner is a young boy aged about 19 years and in fact, he was working as a labourer in a Tavern and had no knowledge about any illegal activity by the owner of the Tavern. It is further submitted that the petitioner was not found present at the spot and was not even named in the FIR. It is also argued that the petitioner was nominated on the basis of the disclosure statement of co-accused Dalbir Singh.

Counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that 360 bottles of country-made liquor meant for sale in the State of Haryana has already been recovered and nothing is to be recovered. Lastly, it is argued that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and has no criminal background.

CASE HEARD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, considering all the facts and circumstances and in view of the fact that petitioner is a young boy aged about 19 years; he is not involved in any other case; he has no criminal background; he has been implicated in the case on the basis of the disclosure statement of the co-accused, I deem it appropriate to grant concession of anticipatory bail to petitioner.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is granted the concession of anticipatory bail, subject to conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No