

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-31002-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 22.1.2021

Satpal Singh ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. L.S.Sekhon, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Multani, AAG, Punjab,
assisted by ASI Sita Ram.

(Proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in a case registered vide FIR No. 238, dated 4.9.2020, Police Station City Sunam, District Sangrur, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act.
2. The allegations, in nutshell are that pursuant to receipt of secret information 72 bottles of country made liquor make 'Club Haryana' was recovered from the house of the petitioner. However, the petitioner is alleged to have escaped from the spot.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case and that the fact that

despite secret information he was not apprehended at the spot would show that it is a case of false implication.

4. Opposing the petition, the learned State counsel has submitted that since the petitioner is specifically named in the FIR and that the recovery was effected pursuant to the said secret information from the house of the petitioner, no case for grant of bail is made out. Learned State counsel has however, informed that the petitioner has since joined investigation and is not required for any custodial interrogation.
5. Having regard to the nature of allegations and the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for any custodial interrogation, the petition is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 5.10.2020 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

January 22, 2021

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No