

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc.-M No.31220 of 2020
Date of Decision: January 11, 2021

Gurmail Singh @ Leela

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. J.S.Dhaliwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, 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.109 dated 17.09.2020, under Section 61 Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station, Phul, District Bathinda. 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 06.10.2020, whereby while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Notice of motion for 11.01.2021.

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. ”

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 does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. Learned counsel, on instructions from ASI Jaswinder Singh, further states that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 06.10.2020 is made absolute.

January 11, 2021
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(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No