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

CRM-M No. 35121 of 2020
Date of Decision: 22.01.2021

Balkar Singh

-Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

-Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Liaqat Ali, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amar Ashok Pathak, Addl. 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.164 dated 05.08.2020 registered under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act at Police Station Nakodar Sadar, District Jalandhar.

On 02.11.2020, following order was passed:-

“This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

It is inter alia contended that the petitioner

has been falsely implicated in FIR No. 164 dated 05.08.2020, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, Police Station Nakodar Sadar, District Jalandhar. The petitioner was not apprehended at the spot and neither does he have anything to do with the premises from where the alleged recovery has been affected. Moreover, the petitioner, it is stated is not involved in any other criminal case.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl.AG., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. Advance copy of the petition stands served.

At request, adjourned to 22.01.2021.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer and join investigation. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail to the satisfaction of Investigating Officer. Petitioner shall comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

November 02, 2020

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JUDGE"**

Learned State counsel on instructions from the Investigating Officer submits that in compliance of order dated 02.11.2020, the petitioner has joined the investigation to the entire satisfaction of the Investigating Officer and he is no more required in further investigation of the case.

In view of above, order dated 02.11.2020 is hereby made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall keep on joining the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Officer.

January 22, 2021
Jyoti Sharma

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

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