

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-35194 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 16.09.2021

Jagdeep Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

(Through Video Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Pardeep Singh Mirpur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, DAG, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.138 dated 02.10.2020, registered under Sections 61 and 78 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Raman, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has joined investigation in terms of order passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court dated 02.11.2020. Order dated 02.11.2020 is as under:-

“The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that as per the information supplied by the petitioner, there is no other case against the petitioner under the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

He further submits that it is on the basis of the registration number of the motorcycle, the petitioner has been named as accused in the present case.

Notice of motion for 10.12.2020.

In the meantime, in the event of arrest of the petitioner,

he shall be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the arresting officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when directed by the investigating agency and shall abide by the terms and conditions laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned State counsel, who has also joined the proceedings through video conference, on instructions from HC Randhir Singh, states that in terms of the order of this Court reproduced before, the petitioner has joined the investigation and no further interrogation of the petitioner is required at this stage.

Learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes that petitioner will join investigation and also cooperate with the investigating agency in case he is required for the same in future as well.

In view of the above, the order dated 02.11.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

In case at any given point of time hereinafter, it is felt by the investigating agency that petitioner is required for the investigation but is not cooperating, they will be at liberty to approach this Court for passing appropriate orders.

The petition stands disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

16.09.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No