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

CRM-M No. 35851 of 2020  
Date of Decision: 07.01.2021

Jagsir Singh @ Jagdheer Singh @ Jaggi

-Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

-Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH**

Present: Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab.

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**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.0168 dated 01.08.2020 registered under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act at Police Station Sadar Bathinda, District Bathinda.

On 04.11.2020, following order was passed:-

*"The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.*

*Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovery of 200 kg of*

*lahan in a drum was effected from an abundant place near Sirhind canal. FIR was registered on the basis of secret information. Neither any independent witness was joined nor was any videography done in respect of alleged recovery. It was alleged that the petitioner was moving his hand in the drum and thereafter, he managed to escape from the spot and was identified by ASI Harinder Singh. Petitioner is not involved in any case under Excise Act.*

*Notice of motion for 07.01.2021.*

*In the meanwhile, petitioner is directed to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer to join investigation on 10.11.2020 at 11.00 a.m. and in the event of his arrest, he shall be enlarged on ad interim bail, subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting Officer. However, petitioner shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”*

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Jaswinder Singh submits that in compliance of order dated 04.11.2020, 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 04.11.2020 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 07, 2021

Jyoti Sharma

**(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)**  
**JUDGE**

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