

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

(Sr. No.202)

CRM-M No. 38825 of 2020

Date of decision : 08.02.2021

Satwinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present : Mr. Sanjeev K. Virk, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harsimar Singh Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

Through the present petition, the petitioner seeks the grant of concession of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 45 dated 14.03.2020, registered under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Sadar Patiala, district Patiala.

The petitioner is being prosecuted for recovery of 240 bottles of liquor from a car of which he is the owner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely been implicated in the case; no recovery has been effected from the petitioner; there is no other criminal case in which the petitioner is involved; the petitioner cannot be prosecuted only for the reason that alleged

liquor has been recovered from a car which he owns; no further recovery is to be effected from the petitioner and that under the interim orders of this Court the petitioner has not only joined investigation but has also fully cooperated with the investigating agency.

Learned State counsel submits that under the interim orders passed by this Court, the petitioner has not only joined the investigation but he has fully cooperated with the investigating agency and that his custodial interrogation is not required by the State.

Keeping in view the totality of the above noticed facts especially the statement made by the learned State counsel that the petitioner has joined the investigation and that his custodial interrogation is not required, the order of this Court dated 25.11.2020, granting *ad interim* anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

Nothing observed herein-above shall be considered to be an expression of opinion by this Court on the merits of the case.

08.02.2021*sunil yadav***(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No