

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

Criminal Misc.-M No.39229 of 2020

Date of Decision: February 25, 2021

Ranjit Singh @ Rana

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Paras, Advocate for
Mr. Avtar S. Khinda, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, 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.239 dated 24.10.2020, under Section 61 Punjab Excise Act,. 1914, registered at Police Station, Sadar Kapurthala, District Kapurthala. The petitioner apprehended his arrest at the hands of police.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 26.11.2020, whereby while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Ld. Counsel for the petitioner submits, inter alia, that no recovery was effected from the conscious possession of the petitioner nor he was arrested from the spot, and that even otherwise, no other criminal case is pending against him.

Notice of motion.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, to accept notice on behalf of the State. A copy of the Paperbook be supplied to him.

Now, to come up on 25.02.2021.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest of the petitioner by the Arresting Officer, he shall be released on interim bail subject to the following conditions:-

1 That he shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police Officer as and when required;

2 That he shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any Police Officer and;

3 That he shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.”

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

Considering the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 26.11.2020 is made absolute.

February 25, 2021
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(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No