

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

CRM-M-39983-2020

Date of Decision: 09.04.2021

Jaswant Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Karan Padam, Advocate, for
Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab,
assisted by ASI Major Singh.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.171 dated 04.11.2020 at Police Station Sidhwan Bet, District Ludhiana, under Sections 61/78(2) of the Punjab Excise Act.
2. At the time of issuance of notice of motion, the following order was passed on 02.12.2020:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that although the police alleges that it had received secret information against the petitioner and that pursuant to the said secret information the police raided an area nearby the Satluj River bank and got recovered 40 bottles of illicit liquor and 1600 litres of *lahan*, but the petitioner was never ever found at the spot.

Notice of motion for 9.4.2021.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

3. Learned State counsel upon instructions has informed that pursuant to interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has since joined investigation and is not required for any custodial interrogation. It has, however, been informed that the petitioner happens to be involved in two other identical cases.
4. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and the fact that the petitioner has already joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation, the petition is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 02.12.2020 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

09.04.2021

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**
Whether reportable: **Yes/No**