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

CRM-M No.40454 of 2020

Date of Decision: 15.03.2021

**VIKRAMJIT SINGH @ VICKY AND ANRPetitioners
Vs
STATE OF PUNJABRespondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present:Mr. Lavanya Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amar Ashok Pathak, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

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

Petitioners seek grant of anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.114 dated 22.10.2020, registered under Section 61(i)(a) of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at P.S. Ladhowal, District Ludhiana.

As per allegations, FIR was registered on the basis of secret information. Thereafter raid was conducted on a vacant plot behind the house of the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners had no conscious possession over the vacant plot and no independent witness was joined by the Investigating Agency.

Notice of motion was issued on 04.12.2020 and arrest of the petitioners was also stayed.

In view of aforesaid position, it would be appropriate to direct the petitioners to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer to join investigation on 19.03.2021 and in the event of their arrest, they shall be released on bail on their furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of SHO/Investigating Agency subject to the following conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C:-

- i) that the petitioner(s) shall make himself available for interrogation before the Investigating Officer as and when required;
- ii) that the petitioner(s) 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/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;
- iii) that the petitioner(s) shall not leave the country, without prior permission of the Court and shall surrender his passport, if any.

Petition stands disposed of.

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

March 15, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No