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

**CRM-M-48191-2019
Date of decision-13.08.2021**

GURPREET SINGH**...Petitioner**

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB**...Respondent****CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ**

Present: Mr. Gopal Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh Sandhu, Sr. 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.57 dated 30.09.2019 under Section 61/1 The Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Sadar Kurali, District S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali. The petitioner apprehended his arrest at the hands of Police, in the above FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 14.11.2019, whereby, while issuing notice of motion to respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovery of illicit liquor was effected from Sandeep Singh @ Sipy and the petitioner was not even present at the spot. He submits that the petitioner was indicted on the ground that the vehicle

in question is owned by him.

Notice of motion for 26.03.2020.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

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 SI Talwinder Singh does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being. Learned State counsel further states that the challan has also been presented in the Court.

Considering the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 14.11.2019 is made absolute.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

13.08.2021

Vipin kumar

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No