

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

CRM-M No.8508 of 2022

Date of Decision:-07.03.2022

Gurpreet Singh @ Gopi.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present:- Mr. Dinesh Singla, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case bearing FIR No.16 dated 02.02.2022 for offences punishable under Sections 61, 78(2) of The Punjab Excise Act 1914, registered with Police Station Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

The petitioner was directed to join investigation and as such he was released on interim bail vide order dated 28.02.2022.

As per the reply filed by the State he has since joined investigation. It would be also relevant to mention here that the petitioner had earlier joined investigation on 11.02.2022 when he had approached the learned Sessions Court for grant of anticipatory bail. A perusal of the reply would reveal that 11 cases are pending against the petitioner, in four of which he has been acquitted and in the remaining cases he is an undertrial.

Given the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation on multiple occasions, no recoveries have been effected from him and that his co-accused from whom the recovery has been effected, namely, Kuldeep Singh has already been granted the concession of regular bail, the interim order dated 28.02.2022 is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall keep on joining the investigation as and when required to do so and he shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

March 07, 2022
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