

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

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CRM-M-9129-2022

Date of Decision : **July 21, 2022**

GURJANT SINGH ALIAS JANTA

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present : Mr. B.K.Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI. J. (Oral)

The present petition is filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.10 dated 9.2.2022 under Section 61/1/14, 78 of The Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Bhadson, District Patiala.

While issuing notice of motion on 4.3.2022, the petitioner was granted interim bail and he was directed to join the investigation as and when called by the IO.

Today, the learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner could not join the investigation because he had gone to Madhya Pradesh.

The learned State counsel has also stated that it is almost 5 months that the aforesaid order was passed but the petitioner has not joined the investigation and the fact that he has gone to MP for some work cannot become a ground for extension of the interim order in his favour. He submitted that the present petition is, therefore, liable to be dismissed.

I have heard the learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioner was granted interim bail on 4.3.2022 with a direction to join the investigation. Admittedly, the petitioner has not joined the investigation. The ground taken by the learned counsel for the petitioner that he has gone to Madhya Pradesh would not constitute a good ground for extension of interim bail. Apart from the same, in view of the conduct of the petitioner, the present petition is liable to be dismissed.

Consequently, the present petition is dismissed.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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