

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

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**CRM-M-9398-2022 (O&M)**

**Date of Decision: 21.03.2022**

MANPREET SINGH @ MANNA

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL**

Present: Mr. Sukhjit Singh, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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**HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)**

Through the instant petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.02 dated 22.01.2022, registered under Section 61/78(2)-1-14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Jodhan, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though, on the basis of a secret information, a raid was conducted, yet the petitioner was neither arrested at the spot nor any recovery was effected from him; that this fact clearly shows that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case; that the alleged recovery was effected from the other person and that co-accused, namely, Darshana Devi and Jaswinder Kaur, have already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court on 21.02.2022.

I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.

As per para 14 of the petition itself, there are ten more cases registered and/or pending against the petitioner. Though in some of the cases he stand acquitted, yet the fact remains that he is a person with

criminal antecedents. Thus, keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is a habitual offenders having brazen criminal antecedents, he does not deserve concession of the anticipatory bail. Moreover, the nature of the offences committed by the petitioner is sufficient enough to hold that if released on bail, he would again involve himself in similar crime.

In view of the above, no ground is made out to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

21.03.2022

Aman Jain

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)  
JUDGE

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