

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

**CRM-M No.12583 of 2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 25.03.2022**

Jaspal Singh @ Pala

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. J.K. Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.23 dated 12.03.2022 registered under Section 61 of the Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Joga, District Moga.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that as per the allegations in the FIR, a secret information was received that the petitioner is indulged in selling illicit liquor. It is further submitted that in the absence of the petitioner, a raid was conducted and 20 bottles of country-made liquor manufacture in the State of Haryana, was recovered. Lastly, it is argued that the petitioner is the first offender and he is not involved in any other case and the recovery has already been effected.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of the respondent – State and has not dispute the factual position.

In view of the above, considering the fact that the petitioner is the first offender; he is not involved in any other case and the recovery has already been effected, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer within a period of 15 days from today to join investigation and he shall be released on interim bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Disposed of.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

25.03.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No