

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

CRM-M-26701-2021

Date of decision : 15.03.2022

Aatish Wadhera

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Gaurav Partap S. Pathania, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G.Jauhar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner has approached this Court under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure to seek anticipatory bail in case FIR No.0135 dated 28.06.2021 under Sections 61/1/14 Excise Act, 1914 and 420 Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Shahpur Kandi, District Pathankot, who apprehends his arrest at the hands of Police.

On 19.07.2021, this Court had passed the following order:-

*“Ld. State Counsel seeks some more time to file Reply.
Adjourned to 09.09.2021.*

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest of the Petitioner by the Arresting Officer, he shall be released on interim bail subject to the following conditions:-

*1. That he shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police Officer as and when required;
2 That he shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any Police Officer and;*

3 That he shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner has stated that in compliance of the above order, the petitioner associated himself in the investigation and cooperated during interrogation.

Learned State counsel who is instructed by ASI Balwinder Singh states that indeed the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 19.07.2021 is made absolute.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

15.03.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No