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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-39381-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 01.02.2022

Manga Singh

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Ms. Menka Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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Manoj Bajaj, J. (Oral)

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in a case FIR No.01 dated 01.01.2021 under Section 61 Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station City Batala, District Batala, Gurdaspur. The petitioner apprehends his arrest at the hands of Police, in the above FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 22.09.2021 whereby while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Learned counsel contends that as per prosecution, 10 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from the petitioner, but he managed to escape. She has argued that the petitioner has been falsely implicated, as the recovery has been effected from a bank compound.

Notice of motion for 01.02.2022.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide

by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. ”
Learned counsel for the petitioner further states that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted himself before the Police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the Police Authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel who is assisted by ASI Rashpal Singh, does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being. He states that the challan has been filed on 16.12.2021.

Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 22.09.2021 is made absolute.

01.02.2022
Jasmine Kaur

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes	No
Whether reportable	Yes	No