

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

201(1)

CRM-M-52254-2021

Date of Decision:21.02.2022

Mangal Singh @ Mangi

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. A.K. Khurana, D.A.G., Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ , J.(Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.132 dated 01.08.2021 under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act, registered at Police Station Shahkot, District Jalandhar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that pursuant to the order dated 15.12.2021, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned State Counsel on instructions from ASI Balbir Chand corroborates the said averment and submits that the custodial interrogation

of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required, the present petition is allowed and the interim order dated 15.12.2021, is hereby made absolute.

However, if required, the petitioner shall continue to join investigation as and when required to do so and shall abide by the terms and conditions, as laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

February 21, 2022
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No