

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-53569-2023
Date of decision: 07.11.2023

PARAMJIT SINGHPetitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB ...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present: - Mr. Navinder Jit Singh Dandiwal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Jaspal Singh Guru, AAG, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under: -

FIR No.	Dated	Section	Police Station
186	08.09.2023	61 of The Punjab Excise Act 1914.	Ajnala, District Amritsar Rural.

2. It is, *inter alia*, contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that in the present case, the petitioner as well as the father were named in the FIR on the basis of some secret information and the father of the petitioner namely Sucha Singh was arrested with 100 bottles of illicit liquor and *lahan* was also recovered. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the father of the petitioner has already been granted concession of bail and the petitioner has been falsely roped in the present case and has no criminal antecedents. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is ready to join the investigation. He has also placed on record the copy of the order dated 29.09.2023 granting bail to

co-accused Sucha Singh.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sukhwant Singh, P.S. Ajnala, submits that the petitioner has no other criminal case pending against him and also admits the factum of co-accused Sucha Singh having been arrested. Recovery was effected from him and he has been granted concession of regular bail.
4. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, without commenting on the merits thereof, the present petition is, hereby, allowed and the petitioner is directed to join the investigation within seven days from today and in the event of arrest of the petitioner, he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.
5. The petition stands allowed.
6. It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |