

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

CRM-M-59879-2022

Date of Decision: 09.02.2023

**HARPREET SINGH @ PARRI
VS.**

... PETITIONER

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present : Mr.Prateek Pandit, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurlal Singh Dhillon, AAG, Punjab.

VIVEK PURI, J.(ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in the case bearing
FIR No. 160 dated 20.11.2022 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act
registered at Police Station Subhanpur, District Kapurthala.

On 22.12.2022, the following order was passed:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the present petitioner was neither present at the spot, nor was stated to have run away from the place of occurrence, nor the place from where the alleged recovery has been effected, is owned by the present petitioner or is under his possession. It is further submitted that the name of the petitioner has been mentioned as an accused only on the basis of secret information. It is contended that the recovery, in the present case, has already been effected and the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Notice of motion for 09.02.2023.

In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in pursuance of
interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has joined the
investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Lakhvir Singh, has not disputed the aforesaid factual aspect(s) and further submits that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

Keeping in view the entire circumstances, sufficient grounds are made out to extend the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, order dated 22.12.2022, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is made absolute.

Petition is allowed.

09.02.2023
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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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