

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-12765-2024
Date of Decision:20.04.2024

ANIL KUMAR ALIAS NEELAPetitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Prince Pushpinder Rana, Advocate for
Mr. Manjinder Singh Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Ranjit Singh.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(ORAL)

On 13.03.2024, following order was passed:

“By way of present petition filed under Section 438 read with Section 482 Cr.P.C., petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.22 dated 18.02.2024 registered under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (Punjab Act No.1 of 1914) at Police Station Sadar, Hoshiarpur, Punjab.

As per allegations, secret information was received against petitioner and co-accused Deepak Singh that they used to indulge in selling illicit liquor. Raid was conducted and 21 bottles of liquor make Punjab Club Gold from one plastic bag and another 24 bottles of liquor make Santra from another bag for sale in HP were found. However, petitioner was not apprehended from the spot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated, simply on the basis of secret information; that no recovery was effected from him and that the petitioner is involved in one more case but in that case also, nothing was recovered from him.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent- State. Copy of the petition be supplied to him during course of the day.

Adjourned to 20.04.2024 for filing status report.

In the meantime, in case of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/ Investigating Officer. However, it is further directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when so required by the Investigating Officer. He shall not contact any person associated with the case to dissuade him from the investigation in any manner whatsoever and nor shall leave the country without prior permission of the Court. He shall further comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. ”

2. Today learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Ranjit Singh submits that petitioner has since joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.
3. Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case order dated 13.03.2024 is hereby made absolute, whereby petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail.
4. However, the petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the Investigating Agency and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

Disposed of.

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether Reportable Yes/No