



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

205 CRM-M-24517-2024(O&M)
Date of Decision: 07.08.2024

MANPREET SINGH @ MANBIR SINGH @ MONEYPetitioner
VERSUS
STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM : HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C.
seeking anticipatory bail in FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
45	27.04.2024	P.S. City Patti District Tarn Taran	61 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914

2. Vide order dated 16.05.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioner was released on interim bail and was directed to join investigation. Order dated 16.05.2024 is reproduced as under:-

“By way of present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.45 dated 27.04.2024 registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station City Patti, District Tarn Taran. As per prosecution allegations, on the basis of secret information, the house of the petitioner was raided and 25 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from his house.

Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated; that he has never indulged in any such activity and that he is ready to join the investigation.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Amandeep Singh, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent- State.

On instructions from ASI Ashok Kumar, learned State Counsel concedes that the petitioner has clean antecedents.

Adjourned to 07.08.2024 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.”

3. Learned State counsel states that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 25.05.2024. No recovery is to be effected from the petitioner. He is not required for custodial interrogation. No useful purpose would be served by detaining him in custody. In view of the said facts but without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 16.05.2024 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

07.08.2024

Deepak Patwal

**(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE**

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| 1. | <i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |
| 2. | <i>Whether reportable</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |