

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**2024:PHHC:001749  
CRM-M-49119-2023  
Date of decision: January 09, 2024**

BADAL  
.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB  
.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present: Mr. Harkirat Singh Bhogal, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Luthra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail in FIR No.259 dated 04.09.2023 for the offences under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station Tanda, District Hoshiarpur.

Vide order dated 05.10.2023, the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the said order reads as under:-

*“Learned counsel, inter alia contends that recovery of 40 bottles of liquor, which were meant to be sold in Himachal Pradesh only, was effected from co-accused Chaman Lal, who stated that the recovered liquor had been supplied to him by the petitioner.”*

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 05.10.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He on further instructions submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 05.10.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to him, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to him.

January 09, 2024  
Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No  
Whether reportable : Yes/No