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

CRM-M-53203-2023

Date of Decision: 11.01.2024

Swatantar @ Savtantar Rai Bhandari

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Dinesh Mahajan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Shubham Kaushik, AAG, Punjab

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner, by way of present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in case FIR No. 98, dated 12.09.2023, under Sections 61 and 78(2) of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 and Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar, District Pathankot.

[2] Learned counsel for petitioner submits that pursuant to the interim order dated 19.10.2023 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

[3] Learned State Counsel, on instructions from the ASI Charanjit Singh, submits that the petitioner has joined investigation in terms of order dated 19.10.2023 and is not required for custodial interrogation.

[4] In this view of the matter, interim order dated 19.10.2023 is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall keep on joining the

investigation as and when required to do so and he shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

[5] The petition stands **disposed off**.

11.01.2024
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>