

CRM-M-54579-2023

Date of decision : 12.01.2024

HARPAL SINGH AND ANR

... Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Lakshay Bector, Advocate,
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Jaiteshwar S. Bhandari, AAG, Punjab.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in criminal case having FIR No.207 dated 05.10.2023 registered under Sections 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Sidhwan Bet, District Ludhiana (Rural).

The allegations in nut-shell are that the police received secret information against the petitioners and thereafter raided their premises but in the meantime the petitioners managed to escape and on search of the house of the petitioner No.1-Harpal Singh 80 litre of Lahan and 120 litre of illicit liquor were recovered and on the search of the premises of petitioner No.2-Tarsem Singh 120 litre of Lahan and 100 litre of illicit liquor were recovered and after doing the needful the entire case property was taken into possession by the police vide two separate recovery memos.

On the last date of hearing both the petitioners were granted interim bail by this Court with a direction to join the investigation with the police.

The counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners apprised the Court that in compliance of the aforesaid order both the petitioners joined the investigation with the police.

State counsel on instructions from ASI Raj Kumar has not refuted the aforesaid assertions made by the counsel for the petitioners and further submits that the petitioners are not required by the police for further investigation or custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and order of interim bail dated 02.11.2023 is hereby made absolute. However, the petitioners are to abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

12.01.2024
Priyanka Thakur

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

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