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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-1044-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 18.02.2025

MANJEET SINGH

Versus

....Petitioner(s)

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present : Mr. Nasir Jamal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Surender Singh, A.A.G. Haryana.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case
FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
407	12.12.2023	120-B, 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC; 61(1)(C), 72-A of the Punjab Excise Act,	Dharuhera, District Rewari

2. It is *inter alia* contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is innocent having no concern with the allegations levelled in the FIR nor is he named in the FIR and the police has falsely implicated him in the case. He submits that there is no specific role attributed to the petitioner and the petitioner is ready to join investigation. Hence, prays for



grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

3. *Per contra*, learned State counsel while referring to the status report filed by the State has strongly assailed these arguments by submitting that the petitioner is nominated on the disclosure statement of co-accused Amrik @ Amit, wherein he has categorically alleged that the petitioner is instrumental in supplying drums containing huge quantity of spirit at the rate of ₹35,000/- per drum, which was used in preparing the spurious liquor. He submits that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required to unearth the *modus operandi* as the petitioner is involved in a heinous crime as such he does not deserve the concession of bail. Hence, prays for dismissal of the bail petition.

4. The facts of the case are that on receipt of a secret information regarding accused Pawan, Ajay and Arjun, carrying the trade of illicit and fake liquor by using fabricated holograms, were moving in vehicle Tata 407. Accordingly, a raid party was prepared by joining an Excise Inspector in the police party and the vehicle was stopped. The driver of the vehicle disclosed his name as Pawan, while other two persons sitting in the vehicle disclosed their names as Ajay and Arjun. On search of the vehicle, illicit liquor, extra natural alcohol, some plastic nips, drums and thousands of fake holograms, labels and caps/cork and machine to fix the caps on bottle etc. were recovered. During the course of investigation, 149 cartons of fake liquor were recovered from the accused and the FIR was registered. During the course of investigation, the co-accused Amrik @ Amit was arrested on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused Pawan. The said



co-accused Amrit @ Amit further made a disclosure statement attributing specific role to the petitioner being the supplier of the spirit in huge quantity at the rate of ₹35,000/- per drum, which was used for preparing the illicit liquor, which were later bottled and marked by applying fake holograms and caps of higher brands. Accordingly, the petitioner was nominated.

5. A perusal of the record would reveal that there is specific attribution to the petitioner of having supplied 13 drums each containing 220 liters of spirit at the rate of ₹35,000/- per drum to main accused Surinder. The petitioner further supplied another 50 drums each containing 220 liters of spirit through co-accused Deepak, for preparing spurious liquor, which shows that the petitioner has actively participated in the crime, as such, his custodial interrogation is required to ascertain the *modus operandi* adopted by them.

6. Therefore, considering the nature and gravity of offence, it is observed that no case is made out in favour of the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail, as a consequence, the petition is hereby dismissed.

7. Any observation made above shall not be construed as opinion of this Court on the merits of the case.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

18.02.2025

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i)	Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
ii)	Whether reportable?	Yes/No