

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

2025.PHHC.107380



(214)

**CRM-M-38008-2025
Decided on : 19.08.2025**

Karan Singh @ Karandeep Singh

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Vineet Sachdeva, Advocate
for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.65 dated 19.05.2025 registered for offences punishable under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Khuhi Khera, Tehsil and District Fazilka; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail.

2. On 18.07.2025, the following order was passed:

Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.65 dated 19.05.2025 registered for offences punishable under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Khuhi Khera, Tehsil and District Fazilka; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question, the petitioner is a man of clean antecedents, the recovery of alleged 50 bottles of country made liquor has already been

effected & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Jatinder Pal Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 19.08.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 24.07.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 438(2) of Cr.P.C.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation and he is not required for further custodial interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and he is not required for further custodial interrogation, the petition is allowed and the order dated 18.07.2025 granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 438 of Cr.P.C.

5. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

6. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition

stipulated under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

- 7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
- 8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

August 19, 2025
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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No