



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-56681-2024

Date of decision: February 17th, 2025

Bakhshish Singh @ Bagga

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Puneet Kumar Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail in FIR No.87 dated 23.10.2024 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Ghall Khurd, District Ferozepur.

2. Vide order dated 14.11.2024, 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 for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner was not apprehended at the spot which clearly hints towards his false implication as it is the case of the prosecution that a secret information had been received with respect to the involvement of the petitioner in the sale of liquor. Learned counsel submits that the alleged recovery had been effected from a public place.

On a pointed query, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has no previous criminal antecedents.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 14.11.2024, the petitioner has joined

investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Paramdeep Singh, 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.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 14.11.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) BNSS.

February 17th, 2025

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No