

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

**CRM NO. M-32426 OF 2017
DECIDED ON : 12.12.2017**

Raj Singh alias Raju

...Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present : Mr. Jasdeep Singh Bhullar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Vermani, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.59 dated 21.05.2017 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, registered at Police Station Kabarwala, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that Lahian, which is used for manufacturing illicit liquor, has been recovered near the canal, on the basis of secret information received by the police. He further contends that the place from where Lahan was recovered, is neither owned by the petitioner nor is in his possession.

This Court, by the order dated 20.09.2017, had directed petitioner to join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from HC Sadh Ram, states that in pursuance to the order dated 20.09.2017, the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, the order dated 20.09.2017, granting ad-interim bail to the petitioner, is hereby made absolute. However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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1. Whether speaking/reasoned : YES/NO
2. Whether reportable : YES/NO