

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

**CRM NO. M-34826 OF 2017
DECIDED ON : 31.10.2017**

Gamdoor Singh

...Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present : Mr. Sumeet Singh Brar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Vermani, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.200 dated 31.08.2017 under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act and Sections 465/471 IPC registered at Police Station Raman, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that allegations against the petitioner are that two persons who were travelling in a car, had fled away from the spot on seeing the police party. Upon checking, 360 bottles of country made liquor were recovered from the said car. The registration number on the number plate of said car was mentioned as "PB03-AQ-6967" while the Registration Certificate which was recovered from the vehicle was in the name of one Mahinder Singh and the number was mentioned as "PB11-A-5854". A photocopy of Registration Certificate was also recovered wherein the name of owner was mentioned as "Gamdoor Singh"-the present petitioner and the registration number is also mentioned as "PB11-A-5854" .

Learned counsel further contends that petitioner is not the owner of vehicle and he cannot be arraigned as an accused merely on the recovery of photocopy of Registration Certificate when the original of Registration Certificate which was also recovered mentions the name "Mahinder Singh" as owner of the car. ,

This Court, by the order dated 18.09.2017 had directed the 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 ASI Gurdev Singh, states that in pursuance to the order dated 18.09.2017 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 18.09.2017, 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