

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

**CRM NO. M-41926 OF 2017
DECIDED ON : 14.12.2017**

Monu @ Prem Goyal

...Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present : None for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Vermani, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.103 dated 26.05.2017 under Sections 61/78 of the Punjab Excise Act and Sections 468/473 IPC, registered at Police Station Meharbaan, District Ludhiana City.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that allegations against the petitioner in the FIR, which has been lodged on the basis of secret information, are that petitioner along with two others, namely Ajaib Singh and Satinder Singh used to purchase liquor at cheap rate and sell the same at a higher rate. He further contends that during checking, the vehicle was stopped by the police officials and driver Ajaib Singh and another person Satinder Singh were arrested and 74 bottles of country made liquor were recovered from them. He further contends that petitioner is not owner of the vehicle and he has been arraigned as an accused on the disclosure statement of Ajaib Singh.

This Court, by the order dated 08.11.2017, 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, on instructions from HC Balkar Singh, states that in pursuance to the order dated 08.11.2017, 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 08.11.2017, 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

DECEMBER 14, 2017

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