

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

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Criminal Misc. No.M-2857 of 2019

Date of decision : 26.08.2019.

Gurdeep Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. R.S. Randhawa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.0145, dated 10.11.2018, under Section 61(1) of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Daroha, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that 19 boxes of whisky to be sold in UT, Chandigarh were recovered by the police from a forest area and the petitioner is not connected therewith in any manner.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court, by order dated 22.01.2019, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from Head Constable Harnek Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and the petitioner having joined investigation and not required for custodial interrogation, the order dated 22.01.2019 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

August 26, 2019

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