

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

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CRM-M-3030-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 06.05.2019

PARGAT SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Senior DAG, Punjab

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.001 dated 06.01.2019, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 and Sections 342, 353, 186, 148, 149 IPC, registered at Police Station Balianwali, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the prosecution story is highly improbable as the petitioner along with ladies of the house could not have confined the excise officials along with six police personnel in his courtyard. He also states that the FIR has allegedly been lodged at the behest of a liquor contractor who had set up a liquor vend near the house of the petitioner which was opposed by the petitioner and other residents of the village.

A coordinate Bench of this Court, by the order dated 22.2.2019, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating 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, on instructions from ASI Chamkaur 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 keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation, the order dated 22.2.2019 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.

06.05.2019

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(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No