

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

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CRM-M-5678-2019

Date of Decision: 03.05.2019

GURWINDER SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. P.S.Jammu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.14 dated 23.01.2019, under Section 61 and 78 of the Punjab Excise Act, registered at Police Station Nathana, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the FIR has been registered on the basis of secret information and the petitioner is not the owner of the vehicle from which the recovery has allegedly been effected. There is no other case of similar nature pending against him.

A coordinate Bench of this Court, by the order dated 07.02.2019, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered 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 HC 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 07.02.2019 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

May 03, 2019

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