

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

CRM-M No. 6131 of 2019

Date of decision: 08.05.2019

Shinder Singh

...Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present : Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 248 dated 16.11.2018 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act registered at Police Station Model Town, Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner in the FIR are that 57 plastic cans of 'lahan' were recovered. The petitioner was not present at the spot when the alleged recovery was made. The petitioner has no connection with the 'lahan'.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court, by order dated 08.02.2019, had directed the petitioner to appear before the investigating officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was 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 ASI Rajwinder Singh, states that petitioner has joined the investigation and but involved in three other cases including two under the Punjab Excise Act.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that he is on bail in those cases.

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 08.02.2019 granting *ad 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 accordingly.

08.05.2019

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(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes

Whether reportable? No