

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

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**CRM-M-8623-2019
Date of Decision: 06.05.2019**

SANDEEP KAKKAR

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.147 dated 26.10.2017, under Section 61/1/14 of the Excise Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Kotkapura, District Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the FIR are that 36 bottles of country-made liquor meant for sale in Haryana only were recovered from a Karyana shop owned by one Ketar Kakkar besides the petitioner. He also contends that the co-accused Ketan Kakkar has already been released on bail.

A coordinate Bench of this Court, by the order dated 27.02.2019, 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, on instructions from HC Raj 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 27.02.2019 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 06, 2019

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