

**In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh**

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**CRM-M-16152-2019 (O & M)**

**Date of Decision: 21.05.2019**

**PARGAT SINGH**

**....PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

**....RESPONDENT**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present: Ms. Davinder Kaur Sidhu, Advocate for  
Mr. Bikramjeet Singh Jatana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabharwal, AAG, Punjab.

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**ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)**

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.69 dated 28.03.2019 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner in the FIR are that 400 litres of lagan was recovered from the house of the petitioner. However, the petitioner was not present at the spot. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

This Court, by the order dated 08.04.2019, 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 Kuldeep 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 08.04.2019 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 21, 2019**  
A.Kaundal

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