

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

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CRM-M-16916 of 2019

Date of decision: 30.05.2019

Pankaj

..Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.K.S. Lakhanpal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J.(ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.220 dated 18.10.2018 under Section 61/1/14 of the 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 15 boxes of country-made liquor were recovered from a house in Kirti Nagar, Hoshiarpur and the petitioner has no connection therewith. He is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

This Court, by the order dated 12.04.2019, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was 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 Ram Dass, 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 12.04.2019 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.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

May 30, 2019
Poonam Sharma

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