

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

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CRM-M-18681 of 2019

Date of decision: 29.05.2019

Shiva

..Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Paras Jagga, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J.(ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.42 dated 25.03.2019 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station Division No.4, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner in the FIR are that when the raid was conducted on the basis of secret information, the petitioner ran away from the spot leaving behind plastic bags containing 36 bottles of country made liquor.

This Court, by the order dated 06.05.2019, 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 states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation. But he is also involved in another case under the Excise Act.

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 06.05.2019 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.

May 29, 2019
Poonam Sharma

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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