

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

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Criminal Misc. No.M-22279 of 2019

Date of decision : 25.07.2019

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... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Ms. Sukhveer Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mrs. Sudeepti Sharma, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 25 dated 29.04.2019 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station Purana Shalla, District Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that 59 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from his sugarcane fields when the raid was conducted by the police in pursuance to the secret information. The petitioner is alleged to have run away from the spot.

This Court, by order dated 16.05.2019, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating/Arresting 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 Satnam 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 16.05.2019 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

July 25, 2019

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No