

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

**CRM-M-26574 of 2019**

**Date of decision: 12.6.2019**

**Jagjit Singh**

**.. Petitioner**

**v.**

**State of Punjab**

**.. Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN**

**Present: Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate for the petitioner.**

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**AVNEESH JHINGAN, J. (Oral)**

The present petition has been filed for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 97 dated 8.10.2018 registered under Section 61/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Mallanwala, District Ferozepur.

The application for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 was dismissed by Additional Sessions Judge, Ferozepur vide order dated 12.4.2019, hence the present petition.

The FIR was registered on the basis of a secret information by the Investigating Officer. As per the FIR, the information was that illicit liquor was being prepared by the petitioner in his house. The Investigating Officer along with the Excise Inspector raided the house of the petitioner but he fled from the spot and 190 kilograms of lahan and one bottle of 540 ml. of illicit liquor was recovered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the petitioner has

been falsely implicated on the basis of false information and the petitioner

is ready to join the investigation.

The present one is not a fit case for extending anticipatory bail to the petitioner. It has not been disputed during the course of arguments that the house from where the recovery was made belongs to the petitioner. The recovery is of heavy quantity. As per the facts, there would be requirement of custodial interrogation of the petitioner.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed. It is, however, clarified that nothing said in the order shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

**(AVNEESH JHINGAN)**  
**JUDGE**

12.6.2019  
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