

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

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**CRM-M-41222-2019 (O & M)**  
**Date of Decision: October 18, 2019**

**SURINDER PAL ALIAS BITTU**

**.....PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

**....RESPONDENT**

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

Present: Mr. Sunil Agnihotri, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.0056 dated 07.09.2019, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Gardhiwal, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that 8 boxes containing 12 bottles each of country made liquor were recovered from the 'haveli' of the petitioner. He states that although the recovery was effected at 09:30 a.m., but there is no independent witness to the recovery.

This Court, by the order dated 25.09.2019, 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 ASI Anil Kumar, 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 25.09.2019 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**

**October 18, 2019**

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