

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

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CRM-M-41208-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 24.10.2019

GURPREET SINGH @ KANA AND ANR ... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB ... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Sawan Chaudhary, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners are seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0064 dated 02.09.2019, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 ('Excise Act' - for short), registered at Police Station Balianwali, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the allegations against the petitioners are that 30 kilograms of 'lahan' was recovered from the house of petitioner No.1 and 45 kilograms of 'lahan' was recovered from the house of petitioner No. 2. He also contends that the petitioners are not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

This Court, by the order dated 25.09.2019, had directed the petitioners to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of their arrest, they were 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 Chamkaur Singh, states that the petitioners have joined investigation and are not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioners and the petitioners having joined investigation, the order dated 25.09.2019 granting interim bail to the petitioners is made absolute.

However, the petitioners shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. They shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

24.10.2019.

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No