

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-42327-2019 (O & M)
Date of Decision: November 08, 2019

SIKANDER SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ankush Thakral, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. N.K. Banka, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.0196 dated 13.09.2019, under Sections 61 and 78 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 ('Excise Act' - for short), registered at Police Station Lambi, Tehsil Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that 12 boxes containing 12 bottles each of country made liquor were allegedly recovered from the petitioner. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

This Court, by the order dated 03.10.2019, 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, upon instructions from HC Khushwant 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 the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 03.10.2019 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

November 08, 2019

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