

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

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CRM-M-50115-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 16.12.2019

RAKESH KUMAR

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. P.S. Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

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

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 254 dated 12.11.2019, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station City Sangrur, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the FIR are that the petitioner along with co-accused had fled from the spot after seeing the police party. Ten cartons containing 12 bottles each of country made liquor were found in the street at that time. He also contends that it is highly improbable that the petitioner would run away by leaving behind 10 cartons of liquor in the street. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

This Court, by the order dated 26.11.2019, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating 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 Sukhraj Singh, states that petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 26.11.2019 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

16.12.2019.

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