

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

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CRM-M-14580-2020

Date of decision : 20.07.2020.

Rajendera

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Ms. Anjali Khosla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.0049 dated 18.04.2020, under Section 61(1) of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Sadar Rupnagar, district Rupnagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that allegations in the FIR are that 435 boxes of liquor were allegedly recovered from a room. She further contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of one Rajinder Singh recorded after one month of the incident. She also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

This Court, by the order dated 10.06.2020, 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 ASI Jasmer Singh, states that although the petitioner has joined investigation but he is not entitled to concession of anticipatory bail as heavy recovery has been effected.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and the petitioner having joined investigation and the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 10.06.2020 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

July 20, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No