

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

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CRM-M-14585-2020

Date of decision : 20.07.2020.

Raj Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Ms. Manjot Kaur, 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.93 dated 10.05.2020, under Section 61 of the Excise Act, 1914 and Section 188 IPC registered at Police Station City Dhuri, district Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that allegations against the petitioner in the FIR are that 96 bottles of whiskey meant for sale in Chandigarh have been recovered from a car which belongs to his brother. No recovery has been effected from the conscious possession of the petitioner. She also contends that the petitioner is a daily wager and he has been falsely implicated.

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 contends that although the petitioner has joined investigation but he is not entitled to concession of anticipatory bail as he is involved in several other cases.

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 Reportable	:	Yes/No