

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-19049-2020 (O & M)
Date of Decision: November 26, 2020**

SUBHAM

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Gaurav Partap S. Pathania, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.120 dated 27.06.2020, under Sections 61 (1) and 78 (2) of the Excise Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Pathankot, District Pathankot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the FIR are that 144 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from a car and the petitioner is not connected therewith either as an owner or in any other manner.

A coordinate Bench of this Court, by the order dated 17.07.2020, 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 Rakesh Kumar, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 17.07.2020 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

November 26, 2020
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No