

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-19630-2020 (O & M)

Date of Decision: September 07, 2020

LALIT JAIN

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ranjit Singh Kalra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.117 dated 31.05.2020, under Sections 61 and 78 (2) of the Excise Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Samana, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein it is alleged that 480 bottles of country made liquor were recovered from co-accused, namely, Parminder Kumar @ Prince and Jaspreet Singh @ Jass. He also contends that the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused that the petitioner had loaded the liquor in the vehicle and was also escorting the vehicle. He further contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

This Court, by the order dated 20.07.2020, 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 Gurdev Singh, 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 20.07.2020 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

September 07, 2020
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No