

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

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CRM-M-22240-2020

Date of decision : 10.11.2020.

Davinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.47 dated 26.06.2020 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, registered at Police Station Bholath, district Kaurthala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the FIR are that 18 bottles of country made liquor have allegedly been recovered from the house of the petitioner. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court, by order dated 10.08.2020, 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 Balwinder Singh, contends that the petitioner has joined investigation.

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 10.08.2020 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 10, 2020
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No