

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

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CRM-M-23306-2020

Date of decision : 03.11.2020.

Sukhwinder Singh @ Sukha

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Naveen Sharma, 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.202 dated 13.11.2018 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Khanna City-2, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was not arrested at the spot. The petitioner is neither the owner nor the driver of the vehicle wherein 25 boxes of liquor meant for sale in Chandigarh were allegedly recovered.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court, by order dated 19.08.2020, 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 Jagdish 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 19.08.2020 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 03, 2020
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No