

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

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CRM-M-34082-2020

Date of decision : 26.11.2020.

JAGJIT SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Dinesh Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 83 dated 18.08.2020, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 ('Excise Act' - for short), registered at Police Station Ghanaur, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused only on the basis of recovery of liquor, which was meant for sale in Haryana, from the car belonging to his mother. He also contends that although the petitioner is stated to have run away, but it would not be possible for the petitioner to run away in the presence of several police officials. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

This Court, by the order dated 28.10.2020, 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 SI Bahadur Ram, states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 28.10.2020 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