

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

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CRM-M-34470-2020

Date of decision : 27.11.2020.

GURMEET SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Kuldip Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Pratap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.222 dated 11.10.2020, under Section 61(1) of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Guru Harsahai, district Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that 45 litres of lagan, 03 bottles of illicit liquor and a working still were recovered from the house of the petitioner. Learned counsel also contends that the petitioner is 19 years of age and is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

This Court, by the order dated 29.10.2020, 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 ASI Gurdev Singh, contends 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 and not required for custodial interrogation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 29.10.2020 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 27, 2020

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No