

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

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CRM-M-35855-2020

Date of decision : 18.12.2020

LAKHA SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Ajeet Pal Singh Pakka, 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.175 dated 08.08.2020, under Section 61 of the Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Maur, district Bathinda.

On 04.11.2020, a Coordinate Bench of this Court has passed the following order:-

'Case taken up through Video Conferencing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter-alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case; no recovery has been effected from him and that he is not involved in any other criminal case.

Notice of motion.

Ms.Monika Jalota, DAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

For arguments, adjourned to 18.12.2020.

In the meanwhile subject to the petitioner's joining investigation as and when called by the investigating agency as also abiding by

the other conditions provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C, in the event of his arrest in FIR No.175, dated 08.08.2020, registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Maur, District Bathinda, he shall be released on ad interim anticipatory bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer.'

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Gurtej Singh, 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 and not required for custodial interrogation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 04.11.2020 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

December 18, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No