

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

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CRM-M-37858-2020

Date of decision : 10.12.2020

Gurnam Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Sanjeeva Kumar Uppal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 166 dated 29.07.2020, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 ('Excise Act' - for short), registered at Police Station Sarai Amanat Khan, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that 60 bottles of illicit liquor were allegedly recovered from his house and the petitioner has been implicated due to political rivalry.

This Court, by the order dated 17.11.2020, 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 Balbir 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, the petitioner having joined investigation and not required for custodial interrogation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 17.11.2020 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 10, 2020

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No