

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

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CRM-M-39135-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 16.12.2020

SUKHWINDER SINGH @ SUKHI

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Digvijay Nagpal, 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.134 dated 22.09.2020, under Sections 61/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act and Section 473 IPC, registered at Police Station City Raman, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that 45 boxes of country made liquor were recovered from a car and co-accused Gurjant Singh alias Janta was arrested at the spot. The petitioner is not the owner of the car. Co-accused Satpal was arrested later on and had stated that he was to hand over liquor to the petitioner.

This Court, by the order dated 26.11.2020, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was 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 Randhawa Singh, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 26.11.2020 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

16.12.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No