

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-5228-2021 (O & M)

Date of Decision: March 16, 2021

GURBHEJ SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Amit Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.111 dated 31.07.2020, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station Chohla Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations are that one person was travelling on foot with a gunny bag and after seeing the police party, he threw the gunny bag and ran towards the rice field. A plastic can wrapped in the gunny bag was allegedly recovered which contained 20 bottles of illicit liquor. He further contends that it would not be possible for a person to have 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 04.02.2021, 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, on instructions from ASI Jaswant Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 04.02.2021 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

March 16, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No