

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

**CRM-M No. 9484 of 2021
Date of decision: 01.03.2021**

Sukhvinder Singh @ Ladi

..... Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Kanwaljit Singh Brar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab, for the respondent.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 161 dated 06.08.2020, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 ('Excise Act' - for short), registered at Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that 18 bottles of liquor were being carried by the petitioner on his head and he had fled the place while leaving the bottles at the spot. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

Issue notice to the respondent.

At the asking of the Court, Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent. She contends that in view of the gravity of the offence alleged to have been committed by the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail.

Heard.

The recovery of 18 bottles of liquor is alleged to have been

effected from the petitioner and he is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, the petitioner is directed to appear before the investigating officer within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and on his doing so, he shall be released on bail to the satisfaction of the arresting/investigating officer till submission of report under Section 173 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 ('Cr.P.C.' - for short). The petitioner shall continue to join investigation and shall furnish an undertaking that he shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C. Thereafter, he will be permitted to furnish regular bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

The petition stands disposed of in the aforementioned terms.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

01.03.2021
Ramesh

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No