

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-9510-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 20.04.2021

DHARAMBIR SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Sandeep Kotla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.318 dated 11.07.2018, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and Section 61-1-14 of the Excise Act, registered at Police Station Kundli, District Sonapat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is a delay of 04 days in registering the FIR wherein it is alleged that the truck was found in an accidental condition on 07.07.2018 while the FIR was registered on 11.07.2018. He further contends that 20,400 quarters of country made liquor were found in a broken condition while 1860 quarters (plastic) were allegedly recovered. The petitioner was arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused. The petitioner is not connected to the truck either as an owner or a driver. He is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

This Court, by the order dated 01.03.2021, 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 SI Sumer Singh, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 01.03.2021 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

20.04.2021

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