

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

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CRM-M-12501-2021

Date of decision : 24.08.2021.

Dawinder Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Gursimran Singh Bhatia, 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. 352 dated 14.10.2020, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Jandiala, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that recovery of 30 bottles of illicit liquor was effected from the house of the petitioner. He, however, contends that the prosecution story is improbable, as it is alleged that the petitioner had run away on seeing the police party. The petitioner is a 41 year old widow with two minor children and it would not be possible for her to run away in the presence of several police officials. He further contends that there is no independent witness to the recovery.

This Court, by order dated 18.03.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of her arrest, she 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 Mewa Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 18.03.2021 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. She shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

August 24, 2021
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No