

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

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CRM-M-13825-2021

Date of decision : 09.11.2021.

Ratti Ram

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Gulshan Nandwani, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirpal Singh Thakur, AAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.348 dated 12.10.2020, under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Sections 61/1/14 of the Excise Act, 1914 (Haryana Amendment Bill, 2020), registered at Police Station Bawal, District Rewari.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that when the liquor shop was raided, the salesman could not produce any licence or permit. Recovery of IMFL and country made liquor was effected from the shop. The petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the basis of statement of the salesman that the petitioner is the owner of the shop. He, however, contends that the petitioner has no connection with the shop either as an owner or a tenant and there is no prima facie material that would connect him with the commission of the offence.

This Court, by order dated 13.10.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join 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, upon instructions from Inspector Bijender 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 13.10.2021 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

November 09, 2021

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No