

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

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CRM-M-22119-2021

Date of decision : 26.10.2021.

Jaggu Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Laghuinder Singh Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.60 dated 23.03.2021, under Sections 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station City Sunam, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that 144 bottles of country made liquor for sale in Haryana were recovered from the house of the petitioner. He also contends that the alleged recovery is suspicious as the alleged independent witness namely Kishan Kumar is not from the locality and is a stock witness of the police having deposed in several criminal cases.

This Court, by order dated 01.09.2021 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 Head Constable Bhupender Singh, states that although the petitioner has joined investigation but he is involved in other cases.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 01.09.2021 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

October 26, 2021

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No