

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-25887-2021 (O & M)
Date of Decision: August 04, 2021**

JASPAL SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 127 dated 12.12.2020, under Sections 61 and 78 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 ('Excise Act' - for short), registered at Police Station Khanauri, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused from whom 240 boxes containing 12 bottles each of liquor meant for sale in Haryana were allegedly recovered. Besides the statement of co-accused, there is no *prima facie* material to connect the petitioner with the alleged commission of offence. The petitioner is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

This Court, by the order dated 08.07.2021, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the 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 ASI Kulvir Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 08.07.2021 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

August 04, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No