

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-31976-2020 (O & M)
Date of Decision: January 14, 2021**

HARBHAGWAN SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Judgepreet Singh Warring, 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.95 dated 04.09.2020, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Balianwali, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovery of 100 litres of lahan is stated to have taken place in the absence of the petitioner.

A coordinate Bench of this Court, by the order dated 09.10.2020, 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, on instructions from HC Kulwinder Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 09.10.2020 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

January 14, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No