

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-39006-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 25.10.2021

BASANT GUPTA

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Rajat Mor, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirpal S. Thakur, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 151 dated 11.09.2020, under Sections 61/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 ('Excise Act' - for short) besides Sections 269, 270 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC' - for short) (Sections 467, 468, 471, 120-B and 308 IPC added subsequently), registered at Police Station Radaur, District Yamuna Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is neither named in the FIR nor any recovery has been effected from him. He has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused. He is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

This Court, by the order dated 25.11.2020, 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, upon instructions from ASI Sandeep Kumar, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 25.11.2020 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

25.10.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No