

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

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CRM-M-38944-2020

Date of decision : 11.01.2021

Amandeep Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Ajender Pal Singh Sandhu, 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.41 dated 01.11.2020, under Section 61(1) of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Airport, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that 30 bottles of illicit liquor and working still etc. were recovered from the house of the petitioner. He, however, contends that there is no independent witness to the recovery and the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

This Court, by 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 Sukhwinder 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 and not required for custodial interrogation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, 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

January 11, 2021
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No