

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

**CRM-M No. 43570 of 2021
Date of decision: 14.10.2021**

Rajwinder Singh @ Raja

..... Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Ajeet Pal Singh Pakka, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill, Senior DAG, Punjab,
for the respondent.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 226 dated 23.10.2020, under Sections 61 and 78 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused from whom 47 bottles of country made liquor meant for sale in Haryana were recovered. The petitioner does not have criminal antecedents.

Issue notice to the respondent.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill, Senior DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. He contends that in view of the gravity of the offence alleged to have been committed by the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail.

Heard.

The petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the statement

of co-accused from whom recovery has been effected, no recovery has been effected from the petitioner and he does not have criminal antecedents. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and in view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, the petitioner is directed to appear before the investigating officer within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and on his doing so, he shall be released on bail to the satisfaction of the arresting/investigating officer till submission of report under Section 173 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 ('Cr.P.C.' - for short). The petitioner shall continue to join investigation and shall furnish an undertaking that he shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C. Thereafter, he will be permitted to furnish regular bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

The petition stands disposed of in the aforementioned terms.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

14.10.2021

Ramesh

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No