

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

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CRM-M-40938-2020

Date of decision : 21.01.2021

LEELA SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Ravinder Singh, 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.238 dated 05.11.2020, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Maur, district Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that 40 litres of lahan was allegedly recovered from his house when he was not present. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

This Court, by order dated 08.12.2020 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 Gurmail Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation and the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 08.12.2020 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 21, 2021
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No