

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

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CRM-M-41715-2020

Date of decision : 23.11.2021.

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... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Sukesh K. Jindal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 151 dated 11.09.2020, under Sections 269, 270 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC' - for short) (Sections 308, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC were added later on) besides Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 ('Excise Act' - for short), 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. He also contends that co-accused Raovarinder Nath @ Rohit has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in CRM-M-43393-2020.

This Court, by order dated 15.12.2020 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join 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 although the petitioner has joined investigation but he is not disclosing the name of the persons to whom he was selling liquor.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, co-accused has been granted anticipatory bail, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 15.12.2020 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

November 23, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No