

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

CRM-M No. 28104 of 2016
Date of decision : August 26, 2016

Surinder Pal @ Nikku,

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. AG Punjab

Ajay Tewari, J (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.354, dated 18.11.2007, registered under Sections 61/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, at Police Station Nakodar, District Jalandhar.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has now been in custody for six months and should be released on bail.

Learned Addl. AG Punjab, on instructions from HC Avtar

Singh, has pointed out that the petitioner remained absent for about 6½

years but has admitted that he has ultimately surrendered before the trial Court.

In these circumstances, without commenting upon the merits of the case, and keeping in view the period of custody already suffered by the petitioner, I do not deem it appropriate to deny the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court. While granting bail, the trial Court would be at liberty to impose heavy surety to deter the petitioner from absconding.

Petition stands disposed of.

August 26, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No