

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-37017-2016

Date of decision: October 24, 2016.

Surinder Singh

... **Petitioner**

v.

State of Punjab

... **Respondent**

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.B. CHAUDHARI**

Present: Shri Amandeep Singh Cheema, Advocate for the petitioner.

Shri Shailesh Gupta, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

A.B. Chaudhari, J. (Oral):

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties. The petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No. 99 dated 23.9.2016, registered at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa, for the offences under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act. The petitioner was arrested on 23.9.2016 and is in jail since then. Learned Counsel for the State states that challan has not been filed. However, he states that there is no other offence against the petitioner. In my opinion, this being the first offence, the petitioner is required to be released on regular bail looking to the nature of the offence and quantity of liquor seized. Hence, petition for regular bail is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

[**A.B. Chaudhari**]
Judge

October 24, 2016.

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No