

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

**CRM-M No. 5644 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 23.02.2016**

Karaj Singh alias Karaj

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Bikramjeet Singh Jatana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mz. Rimplejeet Kaur, AAG, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by ASI Darshan Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 28, dated 05.02.2015, for offences punishable under Sections 22/61/85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and Sections 61/1/14 of Excise Act, registered at Police Station Tripuri Town, District Patiala.

There is alleged recovery of 1100 ml. of intoxicating liquid and large quantity of whisky from the present accused/petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in present FIR, similarly placed co-accused/non-applicant-Harjeet Singh has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 04.02.2016. He further contends that the petitioner is in custody since 06.02.2015.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by ASI Darshan Singh, does not refute the aforesaid contention qua the bail of similarly placed co-accused as also the custody period of the petitioner.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the parity of treatment and custody period of the petitioner, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner/accused in custody since the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Patiala.

February 23, 2016

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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE