

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

**CRM-M No.15510 of 2018
Date of Decision: 24.04.2018**

**Raju Singh @ Raja and another Petitioners
Vs**

**State of Punjab
.....Respondent**

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH*

Present: Mr. B.R. Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioners seek grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.22 dated 19.02.2018 registered under Sections 61/1/14 of the Excise Act and Sections 21, 22, 25, 61, 85 of the NDPS Act at Police Station City Raikot, District Ludhiana.

Apparently, from one Verna car, 30 boxes each containing 12 bottles i.e. 360 bottles of country made liquor and 359 empty bottles with 250 grams of intoxicant powder were recovered from one Lakhwinder Singh. From an Accent car, 25 boxes of country made liquor and 10 boxes of country made

English liquor each containing 12 bottles and 250 grams of intoxicant powder were recovered from Harvinder Singh. Petitioners were occupants of a truck from where 145 boxes of country made liquor each containing 12 bottles were recovered. There was no recovery of intoxicant powder from the petitioners.

The aforesaid statement of fact has not been denied by learned State Counsel on instructions from ASI Tarsem Lal.

As per custody certificate produced by learned State Counsel, petitioners are in custody since 20.02.2018. Challan is yet to be presented.

At this stage, since there was no recovery of intoxicant powder from the petitioners and they are in custody since 20.02.2018 and without meaning anything on the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioners on regular bail subject to their furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate Ludhiana.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of any opinion on merits of the case.

April 24, 2018.

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No