

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

**CRM-M-44998-2018
Date of Decision:17.10.2018**

Hardeep Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.B. BAJANTHRI

Present : Mr. Angraze Singh Dhindsa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, A.A.G. Punjab.

P.B. BAJANTHRI J. (Oral)

In the instant petition, petitioner has sought for regular bail under the provision of Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.68 dated 18.08.2018 registered under Sections 420 IPC and 61 (1) of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (later on added Sections 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and Section 14 of Excise Act, 1914) at Police Station Sadar Rajpura, District Patiala.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that petitioner's name has not been cropped up in the FIR. On the disclosure statement of one of the accused, his name has been cropped up to the extent of seized liquor bottles were stated to have been purchased from the petitioner. Co-accused statement cannot be taken into consideration for the purpose of implicating the petitioner. Therefore, petitioner is entitled to regular bail.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel submitted that petitioner is facing three cases out of which two cases are relating to mining and one case is relating to offence under Section 379 IPC. It was also submitted that matter is still in the investigation stage.

4. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

5. Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances read

with the fact that matter is still under investigation, it is not appropriate to extend regular bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, petition stands dismissed.

17.10.2018
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(P.B. Bajanthri)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned **Yes/No**

Whether reportable **Yes/No**