

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-47461-2018

Date of Decision:01.11.2018

Golu @ Ankush Singla

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

Present: Mr. Naveen Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, D.A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.239 dated 31.08.2018 under Section 61 of the Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Division No.6, District Ludhiana.

As per FIR, the petitioner was found in possession of 20 bottles of liquor, which were otherwise meant for sale in Arunachal Pradesh only.

Learned Additional Sessions Judge vide order dated 18.10.2018 had dismissed the anticipatory bail of the petitioner with an observation that three more FIRs of similar offence have been registered against the petitioner, which shows his involvement in sale of illicit liquor. However, when this matter was taken up for hearing on 29.10.2018 before this Court, learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the observation made by learned Additional Sessions Judge that there are three more FIRs against the

petitioner is incorrect and there is only one FIR against the petitioner.

On notice of motion having been issued, learned State Counsel on instructions from HC Onkar Singh states that the observation made by learned Additional Sessions Judge is absolutely correct. Petitioner is involved in as many as three more cases under the Punjab Excise Act, details of which are as under:-

1. FIR No.66 dated 11.02.2015 under Section 61 of the Excise Act, Police Station Focal Point, Ludhiana.
2. FIR No.169 dated 23.05.2017 under Section 61 of the Excise Act, Police Station Focal Point, Ludhiana.
3. FIR No.291 dated 13.10.2018 under Section 61 of the Excise Act, Police Station Division No.6, Ludhiana.

In view of the track record of the petitioner that three more FIRs have been registered against the petitioner for similar offences and he is found indulged in sale of illicit liquor repeatedly, no ground to grant anticipatory bail is made out.

Dismissed.

November 01, 2018
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No