

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-47783-2018**

**Date of Decision: 02.11.2018**

**Manjit Singh and another**

**.. Petitioners**

**Vs.**

**State of Punjab**

**..Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH**

Present: Mr. Apanjyot Singh Virk, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

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**Inderjit Singh, J.**

Petitioners Manjit Singh and Kunan Singh have filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.172 dated 30.08.2018, registered at Police Station Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib, under Section 61 of the Excise Act, 1914.

Notice of motion has been issued. Learned State counsel appeared and contested the instant petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned State counsel and gone through the record.

As per the prosecution version, recovery of 129 card board boxes containing 1548 bottles of Indian made foreign liquor for sale in Chandigarh only has been effected from the petitioners.

The petitioners have been in custody since 30.08.2018. They are not required for any investigation or interrogation purposes as they are in judicial custody. The trial of the case will take long time. No useful

purpose will be served by keeping them in custody till the final disposal of the case.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts in minute detail and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail subject to their furnishing personal bonds in the sum of ₹50,000/- with one surety in the like amount each to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

02.11.2018  
Jasmine Kaur

(INDERJIT SINGH)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes |
| Whether reportable        | No  |