

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

CRM-M-12719-2019

Date of Decision: 26.03.2019

Rakesh Kumar @ Rakesh Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

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

Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

This petition is filed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.19 dated 22.01.2019 under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fathegarh Sahib.

The allegations in the FIR was that the canter No. PB-65-AH-2883 driven by the petitioner was intercepted and 450 boxes containing a total of 5400 bottles of liquor meant for sale in Arunachal Pradesh was recovered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner is in custody since 22.01.2019. He is merely driver of the canter.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Kulwant Singh, states that the recovery has already been effected.

The petitioner is in custody since 22.01.2019 and the trial may take a long time to conclude. No useful purpose would be served by the continued detention of the petitioner.

Accordingly, this petition is allowed.

The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

March 26, 2019

Jyoti-1 Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No Whether Reportable Yes/No