

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

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CRM-M-14894-2019

DATE OF DECISION:10.04.2019

KULWINDER SINGH AND ANOTHER

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Ms. Sudha, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Ruchika Sabharwal, AAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners are seeking regular bail in FIR No. 290, dated 29.12.2018, under Sections 61 and 78 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the allegations against the petitioners are that 390 boxes of country made liquor have been recovered from the canter which was being driven by petitioner No.1 and petitioner No.2 was travelling therein. He further contends that the petitioners are poor persons and are the only bread winners of their family. They are in custody for over 3 months since their arrest on 29.12.2018 and are not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Manjit Singh, states that the investigation has been completed but no prosecution witness has been examined so far.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioners, especially when the petitioners are in custody for over 3 months, they are not involved in any other case and conclusion of the trial is likely to

take some time, I deem it appropriate to grant them the concession of regular bail.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioners are ordered to be released on regular bail on their furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

10.04.2019.

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No