

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

**CRM-M-18090-2019
Date of decision: 29.04.2019**

Ranjit Singh @ Kali

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr.Rajesh Bhateja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M. S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 11 dated 07.03.2019, registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Sadar Moga, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations in the FIR, which was registered on a secret information, it is stated that Deesha wife of Nirmal Singh and petitioner are doing the work of selling illegal liquor, upon which, a raid was conducted on the house of co-accused Deesha and 252 bottles of liquor were recovered. Thereafter, the petitioner was arrested on 27.03.2018 and nothing was recovered from him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that co-accused Deesha has already been granted concession of anticipatory bail, vide order dated 28.03.2019 passed by the Sessions Judge, Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that petitioner is in judicial custody since 27.03.2019 and conclusion of the trial

is likely to take a long time.

Learned State counsel, on the basis of the custody certificate filed in Court today, has not disputed the factual position, however, submitted that petitioner is involved in two more cases under the Excise Act.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the fact that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 27.03.2019; conclusion of the trial is likely to take a long time and also in view of the fact that co-accused Deesha has already been granted concession of anticipatory bail as noticed above, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

29.04.2019

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No