

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-21652-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 16.5.2019

Amandeep Singh @ Amna ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Barjesh Kumar Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.59, dated 26.3.2019, at Police Station Passiana, District Patiala, under Sections 61/01/14 of Excise Act.
2. The allegations, in nutshell, are that upon receipt of secret information, barricading was held by the police and the petitioner was apprehended while driving a pick-up vehicle, the search of which yielded recovery of 2964 bottles of liquor for which the petitioner could not produce any licence.
3. The learned counsel for petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case.

4. Opposing the petition, the learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Jasvir Singh, has submitted that since huge recovery of country-made liquor has been effected from the petitioner, no case for grant of regular bail is made out. It has however, been informed that the petitioner is not wanted in any other case.
5. Having regard to rival submissions addressed before this Court and bearing in mind the fact that the petitioner is not stated to be previously involved in any other case and has been behind bars since 26.3.2019, in my opinion, no useful purpose would be served by further detaining the petitioner behind bars. The petition, as such, is accepted and petitioner-Amandeep Singh @ Amna is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.
6. The present petition stands accepted accordingly.

May 16, 2019

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No