

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

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CRM-M-37887-2019.

Date of Decision: 25.09.2019.

Sawtanter Rai Bhandari

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: Mr. Sachin Ohri, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Shekher Dhawan, J.

Present petition under Section 439 of the Criminal Procedure Code is for grant of regular bail to petitioner—Sawtanter Rai Bhandari son of Inderjit Rai Bhandari, in case F.I.R. No.49 dated 04.08.2019 under Section 61(1) of the Punjab Excise Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Pathankot, District Pathankot.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Learned counsel the representing petitioner contended that the petitioner is in custody since 05.08.2019 and has been falsely implicated in the case. Trial of the case still to take some more time and no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner behind the bars, so he be released on bail.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, which may not cause prejudice to either of the parties at a later stage of the trial and taking into consideration the above facts and the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 05.08.2019; trial of the case still to take some more time and no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner behind the bars, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner—Sawtanter Rai Bhandari, is ordered to be admitted to regular bail on his furnishing adequate bail bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned learned trial Judge/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate.

(SHEKHER DHAWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No