

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-43792-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision : 16.10.2019

Rajinder Kumar @ Sonu and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Rajesh Kapila, Advocate for the petitioners.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioners in FIR No.0029 dated 12.09.2019 registered under Sections 61-1-14 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Narot Jaimal Singh, District Pathankot.

As per the case of the prosecution, 5340 bottles of illegal liquor (Rum) contained in 445 boxes was being smuggled in the State of Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have been nominated as accused on the statement of driver of commercial vehicle and such evidence is weak evidence and conviction cannot be based solely thereupon.

Be that as it may. It is a case where there is huge recovery of illegal smuggled liquor permitted to be sold in Union Territory, Chandigarh and State of Haryana has been found to be transported in State of Punjab illegally. Such smuggling has an adverse affect on the economics of the State Revenue.

Hence, no ground for grant of pre-arrest bail is made out.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

16.10.2019

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No