

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

CRM-M-56062-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 11.2.2019

Hardeep Singh @ Deepi ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Naveen Shaarma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.138, dated 26.11.2018, registered at Police Station Koom Kalan, District Ludhiana, under Section 61(i)(a)/78 of Excise Act.
2. The case of prosecution, in nutshell, is that pursuant to a secret information, two vehicles i.e. a Verna car and TATA Ace were apprehended and the search of the same yielded recovery of 170 boxes of liquor (12 bottles per box), meant to be sold in Chandigarh.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and that in any case he has been behind bars since the last about 3 months and is no longer required for any investigation and thus deserves the concession of bail.
4. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that since huge recovery has been effected, no case for grant of bail is made out. It has however been informed that the petitioner is not involved in any other identical case.
5. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and while bearing in mind that the petitioner has been behind bars since the last about 3 months and is not stated to be involved in any other identical case, in my opinion no useful purpose would be served by further detaining the petitioner behind bars. The petition, as such, is accepted and petitioner-Hardeep Singh @ Deepi is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.
6. This petition stands accepted accordingly.

February 11, 2019

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No