

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

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CRM-M-13132-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : 10.07.2020.

Joginder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Jitender Singh Dadwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Chetan Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.77 dated 19.03.2020 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act and Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station 13/17 Panipat, district Panipat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that 1200 boxes of country made liquor (containing Nips) were recovered from the truck allegedly being driven by the petitioner. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over three months and is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

Learned State counsel contends that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over three months; he is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act; the COVID-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to

grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

July 10, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No