

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA

AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No.M-15407 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 24.09.2020

Balbir Singh @ Billu

...Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present:- Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, A.A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

CRM-13589-2020:

Prayer in this application filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for exemption from filing/affixing the prescribed Court fee on account of COVID-19.

Prayer for exemption from filing/affixing Court fee on account of COVID-19 is accepted with the condition that the petitioner shall deposit the required Court fee within a period of one month when the situation becomes normal from the COVID-19 effect.

Application stands disposed of.

CRM-16803-2020:

The application is allowed, as prayed. Additional affidavit of the petitioner is taken on record.

Criminal Misc. No.M-15407 of 2020:

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 438 CrPC is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.132 dated 15.04.2019 under Section 61(1) of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

Learned State counsel has apprised this Court that apart from the present case, there are three more cases registered against the petitioner under the Excise Act, the details of which is as under:-

- ‘(i) FIR No.110 dated 1.4.2019 under Section 61 of the Excise Act, P.S. Phillaur;
- (ii) FIR No.405 dated 10.12.2019 under Section 61 of the Excise Act, P.S. Phillaur;
- (iii) FIR No.102 dated 28.4.2019 under Section 61 of the Excise Act, P.S. Phillaur;’

In this view of the matter, since there are more cases registered against the petitioner under the Excise Act, the prayer of the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail cannot be accepted.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

September 24, 2020
AK

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned?
Whether reportable?

Yes / No
Yes / No