

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

CRM-M-18115-2020(O&M)

Date of decision: 16.09.2020

Dipesh Grover

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Sant Pal Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 54 dated 14.05.2020 registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, Sections 420, 465, 468, 471, 120-B, 188 and 269 IPC and Section 10 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, at Police Station Shambhu, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has no concern with the premises from where the alleged recovery has been effected and apart from the present case, there is no other similar case pending against the petitioner. The petitioner was neither present at the spot, nor shown to have fled away from the spot. The petitioner has been in custody since 22.05.2020. Moreover, there is no evidence to connect the petitioner with the present case.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that co-accused Harpreet Singh son of Baljit Singh has been granted interim anticipatory bail by a Coordinate Bench, vide order dated 16.06.2020, whereas other co-accused Amrik Singh and Hardeep Singh @ Bachi have been granted bail by the learned Sessions Judge, Patiala.

Learned State counsel has not disputed the facts regarding the custody period of the petitioner and bail granted to the co-accused persons. He submits that challan has been presented in the present case.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 22.05.2020 and the challan has been presented. The trial will take time to conclude and no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

16.09.2020

Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No