

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, at Chandigarh

Criminal Misc. No. M- 24450 of 2020

Date of Decision: 21.09. 2020

Gurpreet Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil Kshetarpal.

Present: Mr. Ripudaman Singh Sidhu Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. V.G.Jauhar, Senior Deputy Advocate
General, Punjab for the respondent.

Anil Kshetarpal, J.

The petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in a criminal case arising from FIR No. 42 dated 23.05.2019, registered under Section 61/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Sanaur, District Patiala.

As per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner had smuggled 20 boxes of liquor in his car from the State of Haryana. The petitioner could not be arrested at the spot, however, the car from where 240 bottles of liquor were recovered, belongs to him. . The petitioner also does not have clean criminal antecedents as he is also involved in another criminal case arising from FIR No. 176 dated 11.08.2018, registered under Section 61 of The Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur,

There was yet another case against the petitioner vide FIR No. 06 dated 20.01.2011 wherein he has been acquitted.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this Court is not inclined to grant the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Hence, the present petition is dismissed.

(Anil Kshetarpal)
Judge

September 21, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No