

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-24605-2020

Date of Decision:-27.08.2020.

Jarnail Singh @ Jaili

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Dinesh Nagar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amar Ashok Pathak, Additional A.G., Punjab.

SANJAY KUMAR, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is the sole accused in FIR No.0109 dated 06.08.2020 on the file of Police Station Rahon, SBS Nagar, registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

Upon some secret information received, the police conducted a raid on 06.08.2020 near Dhusi Dam in Village Talwandi Sibbu. The petitioner was allegedly distilling illicit liquor at that time but managed to flee upon seeing the police party. One drum containing 100 kg. of *Lahan* and 5 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from the spot. The petitioner has 6 other criminal cases registered against him, including cases relating to excise offences. He therefore seems to be a habitual offender.

Given the disastrous effects of consumption of illicit liquor, this Court is of the opinion that a strong signal needs to be sent out to those involved in this illegal business. In such circumstances, the petitioner, whose past antecedents do not speak well of him, would not be entitled to the benefit of pre-arrest bail.

The petition is accordingly dismissed.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

August 27, 2020.

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.