

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-24643-2020(O&M)

Date of Decision: 27.8.2020

Sukhmander Singh @ Ranuni

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

--Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. Deepak Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Sandhu, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

Matter has been taken up through video conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C seeking benefit of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.106 dated 4.8.2020 under section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station, Raman, District Bathinda.

Counsel would argue that no recovery has been effected from the conscious possession of the petitioner. He urges that even as per prosecution version petitioner had managed to escape from the spot. Further argued that petitioner is involved in one more case under the Excise Act and in which concession of bail was granted and which has not been misused.

Having heard counsel for the petitioner and having perused the pleadings on record, this Court is of the considered view that the prayer made in the instant petition cannot be accepted.

In the present case a secret information had been received and in which the name of the petitioner figured. Based on such secret information a raid was conducted and from the residence of the petitioner three drums containing 200 litres of *Lahan* each (total 600 litres) have been recovered. The petitioner is alleged to have fled away by dodging the police party.

This Court cannot proceed oblivious of the fact that in the very recent past more than 120 lives have been lost in the State of Punjab on account of consumption of illicit liquor. These are matters which require a deep and thorough probe and which may well entail the custodial interrogation of the petitioner.

For the reasons recorded above, prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner is declined.

Petition is dismissed.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

27.8.2020

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	Whether Reportable:	Yes/No