

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

CRM-M-27416 of 2020

DATE OF DECISION : 05.10.2020

Jaswant Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Mr. Lokesh Vohra, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

(Presence marked through video conference).

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.0156 dated 03.08.2020 under Sections 61 of Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda.

2. As per allegations in the FIR, 13 bottles of illicit liquor along with 100 litres of lagan were recovered from the co-accused, though the petitioner managed to escape.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case. He was not apprehended at the spot and nothing was recovered from him.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail plea. He argues that petitioner along with his relative was spotted by a police party on the basis of secret information. 13 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from his co-accused Gurdeep Singh. However, the petitioner managed to escape

from the spot. He further submits that 100 litres of lahan was also recovered on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused.

5. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, as also learned State counsel.

6. The petitioner is stated to be an accomplice of Gurdeep Singh involved in distilling illicit liquor. Said co-accused is though on bail now but only after his custodial interrogation was carried out. Grant of pre arrest bail at this stage shall hamper the further investigation qua the petitioner.

7. Dismissed.

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(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No