

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

CRM-M-28047 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : 16.09.2020

Saroj

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Rajinder Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner prays for pre-arrest bail in a criminal case arising from FIR No.281, dated 24.08.2020, registered under Section 61 of the Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Phillaur, District Jalandhar (Rural).

In a nutshell, the case of the prosecution is that the petitioner indulges in the sale of illicit liquor. On a secret information received, her house was raided at 2:00 a.m. Although, the petitioner ran away, however, 105000 ml of illicit liquor, stored in four plastic canes, was recovered.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab, has informed the Court that the petitioner is a habitual offender as she does not have clean record being involved in two more such cases.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this Court is not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

16.09.2020

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No