

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

CRM-M-28754-2020(O&M)

Date of decision: 21.09.2020

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.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr.R.S.Sohi, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr. Randhir Thind, DAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in a criminal case arising from FIR No.100, dated 3.8.2020, registered under Section 61 and 1 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Division No.4, Patiala.

As per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner is involved in smuggling of liquor. When the raid was conducted, although the petitioner ran away, however, 24 bottles of liquor were recovered by the police party. From the reading of the order passed by Additional Sessions Judge, Patiala, dated 11.9.2020, it is apparent that the petitioner is not a person of clean past. He is stated to be involved in three more FIRs i.e FIR No. 140, dated 09.11.2018, registered under Section 379-B, 332, 323, 353, 186, 427, 148 and 149 IPC at PS Lahori Gate Patiala, another, FIR No. 03, dated 07.01.2019, registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, at PS Lahori Gate, Patiala and also, FIR No. 185, dated 18.11.2019, registered under Section 353, 186, 149 IPC, at PS Lahori Gate Patiala.

In view of the aforesaid facts, the antecedents of the petitioner are not clean. Therefore, no ground to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner is made out.

Hence, dismissed.

21.09.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No

**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**