

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-33625-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 03.11.2020

KARANDEEP HERA

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. A.P.S. Chaudhary, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms.Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.77 dated 19.03.2020, under Sections 61-1-14 of the Excise Act and Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 & 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sector 13/17, District Panipat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein it is alleged that a truck carrying 1200 boxes of country made liquor were allegedly recovered from a truck. He further contends that the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused only because he was a witness of the power of attorney which was issued by one Ramandeep Singh, registered owner of the truck to Sarabjit Singh. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 2 months and is not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Ram Niwas, contends that challan is yet to be presented.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is not named in the FIR, no recovery has been effected from him, he is in custody for over 2 months, the petitioner is not involved in any other case, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

03.11.2020.

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No