

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

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**CRM-M-40869-2020
Date of Decision 22.12.2020**

CHHOTE LAL

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. A.N. Walia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. Oral

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of pre-arrest bail in case FIR No.223 dated 26.08.2020 under Section 61/1 of The Punjab Excise Act 1914, Police Station Kamboj, Amritsar. He apprehended his arrest at the hands of Police in the above said FIR.

On 07.12.2020 the following order was passed:-

“Case has been taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

This petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of prearrest bail to petitioner in case FIR No.223 dated 26.08.2020 under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act, registered at Police Station Kamboj, Amritsar.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of Court, Mr. B.S. Sewak, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and seeks time to furnish detailed reply. Complete copy of paper book be supplied to him during the course of the day.

Adjourned to 22.12.2020.

Reply by respondent-State be filed before the Registry of this Court well before the date fixed with copy in advance to learned counsel for the petitioner”.

Learned State counsel has invited the attention of the Court to the reply filed by way of affidavit of Baldev Singh, P.P.S., Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters), Amritsar (Rural), Supervising Officer of Police Station Kamboj, on behalf of respondent-State and contended that the petitioner is involved in other cases of similar nature and detail are given in para 3. It is pointed out that in the present case the recovery of illicit liquor was made from the residence of the petitioner.

Considering the above background, but without commenting anything on the merits of the case this Court does not find it to be a fit case for extending the extraordinary concession of pre arrest bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

22.12.2020
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(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No