

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

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**CRM-M-33974-2020 (O&M)
Date of Order:23.10.2020**

RAMESH KUMAR

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Gurinder Singh Gorayan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

Hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

The petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in a criminal case arising from FIR No.352, dated 28.06.2020, registered under Section 15(a)-1-14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (Haryana Amendment Bill, 2020), Section 63/65 of the Copy Right Act, 1957 and Section 269/270/272/273/420/468/471/120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, at Police Station Pehowa, District Kurukshetra.

As per the case of the prosecution, fake liquor was being manufactured/bottled and for that purpose an un-licenced bottling plant was found in operation in the premises owned by Jaswinder.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is sought to be indicted as an accused on the statement of Sunil @ Sheelu, which is not admissible in evidence. He further contends that in fact the petitioner and Sunil @ Sheelu are business rivals.

On the other hand, Sh. Chetan Sharma, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana, has pointed out that Sunil @ Sheelu was in constant

touch with the petitioner and the prosecution has collected the call details record in this regard. He further points out that the owner of the premises i.e. Jaswinder has given statement that he leased out the premises to Sanjay on the recommendation of the petitioner.

Taking into consideration the facts which came on record, this Court is not inclined to grant the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner because it is necessary to unearth the entire racket of fake liquor being sold to consumers, particularly when it is hazardous to public health.

With these observations, the present petition is dismissed.

October 23, 2020
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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