

**In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, at Chandigarh**

**Criminal Misc. No. M- 34213 of 2020**

**Date of Decision: 28.10. 2020**

Gurpreet Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

**CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil Kshetarpal.**

Present: Mr. Parminder Singh Sekhon, Advocate  
for the petitioner(s).

**Anil Kshetarpal, J.**

The petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in a criminal case arising from FIR No. 171 dated 23.06.2020, registered under Section 61 & 78 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station City Sunam, District Sangrur.

As per the case of the prosecution, two persons were apprehended with 336 bottles of smuggled illegal liquor.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is sought to be implicated on the basis of the disclosure statement of Manga Gir, which is not admissible in the evidence.

On the other hand, Mr. N.K.Banka, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab has pointed out that the petitioner is a habitual offender and two more cases under the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 are pending against him.

In the present case, huge quantity of liquor smuggled in the State of Punjab without paying revenue of the State has been recovered. In such cases, the custodial interrogation is necessary in order to unearth the

racket and break the chain of the supply of illegal liquor. Still further, the petitioner is not a person with clean antecedents. Hence, no ground is made out to grant the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner and the present petition is dismissed.

**(Anil Kshetarpal)**  
**Judge**

**October 28, 2020**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No