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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-39873-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 03.12.2020

Ranjit Singh @ Babbi

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. G.S. Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.123 dated 27.06.2015 under Section 61/1/14 of Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Goraya, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was granted bail, however, he jumped the bail and was later on declared proclaimed offender on 25.10.2018. It is further submitted that in the intervening period, two co-accused of the petitioner namely Narinder Kumar @ Nikka and Jaswinder Pal @ Bindri were acquitted by the trial Court vide judgment dated 01.04.2019. It is also submitted that the petitioner travelled abroad in search of

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job, therefore, he could not attend the Court proceedings and now he has been re-arrested on 08.08.2020 and is ready to face the trial.

Learned State counsel has not disputed the factual position, however, submits that if the petitioner is granted bail, there is a possibility that he may again abscond from the Court proceedings.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, without commenting anything on merits of the case and considering the fact that co-accused of the petitioner already stand acquitted by the trial Court, I deem it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The petitioner will furnish bail bonds along with two local sureties to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.
- (b) The petitioner will deposit Rs.15,000/- on account of delaying the trial, with the District Legal Services Authority, concerned.
- (c) The petitioner will surrender his passport before the trial Court, if not surrendered, during pendency of the trial.

Petition is disposed of.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No