

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

**CRM-M No. 53676 of 2019
Date of Decision: 28.2.2020**

Baljit Singh alias Balli

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. T.S.Sangha, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Narinder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No. 0221 dated 20.9.2017 under Sections 61/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, and later on added Sections 307/353/186/148/149 IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 registered at Police Station Patran, District Patiala.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that it is a case of no injury and the petitioner was arrested on 25.4.2019. Learned counsel further submits that out of 22 cases, the petitioner has been acquitted in more than 16 cases and similarly situated Sewa Ram Machhal was declared innocent by the investigating agency.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Jagan Nath, submits that the petitioner was declared proclaimed offender on 26.12.2018 and was arrested on 25.4.2019. He further submits that challan has been presented and charges are yet to be framed.

The petitioner has been in custody since 25.4.2019. Challan has been presented in the present case but the charges are yet to be framed. The trial will take time to conclude. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

February 28, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No