

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-9080-2021 (O & M)

Date of Decision: March 24, 2021

AMIT RATHI

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Jitender Singh Kundu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.745 dated 04.11.2020, under Sections 61, 4-20 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (Haryana Amendment Bill, 2020) and Section 72A, 4-20 of the Punjab Excise Act & Sections 328, 272, 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC added later on, registered at Police Station City Sonipat, District Sonipat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that 36 bottles, 9 half and 18 quarters of country made liquor were recovered. The accused could not produce any licence or permit for selling the liquor, therefore, they were said to be in illegal possession of the same. The recovery was effected from an open area. No recovery was effected from the petitioner after his arrest in the case. The petitioner is in custody for about 05 months.

Learned State counsel upon instructions states that the challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed. She also contends that the petitioner is involved in several other cases.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over about 05 months, Covid 19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

March 24, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No