

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-20028-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 26.05.2021

PARDEEP KUMAR

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. J.S. Mehndiratta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Sihag, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.0151 dated 11.09.2020, under Sections 269, 270 & 420 IPC and Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, (Sections 467, 468, 471, 308 and 120-B IPC were added later on), registered at Police Station Radaur, District Yamuna Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that as a matter of fact, the petitioner had himself informed the police about the sale of fake liquor but later on the petitioner was arraigned as an accused and it was alleged that the petitioner was buying fake liquor from sellers and there was a dispute between them. The petitioner is in custody for over 7 months. He is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Balbir Singh, contends that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined. He also contends that the petitioner was involved in buying and selling the fake liquor. He was part of an organized network and, therefore, he is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 7 months, he is not involved in any other case, the 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 instant 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

26.05.2021

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