

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-22536-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 29.06.2021

RAJESH KUMAR AND OTHERS

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. G.C. Shahpuri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Surender Singh, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioners are seeking regular bail in FIR No.151 dated 11.09.2020, under Sections 269, 270, 420 IPC and Sections 61 of the Punjab Excise Act (Sections 467, 468, 471, 308 and 120-B IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Radaur, District Yamuna Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners were allegedly involved in the sale of fake liquor. He, however, contends that the petitioners are labourers and are in custody for over 8 months. They are not involved in any other case under the Excise Act.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Balbir Singh Singh, contends that challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioners are in custody for over 8 months, they are not involved in any other case under the Excise Act, 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 petitioners.

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

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

29.06.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No