

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-23812 of 2021

Date of decision : 30.06.2021.

Jai Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Parveen Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Surender Singh, AAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.183 dated 05.11.2020 under Sections 109, 120-B, 272, 328, 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC and Sections 3, 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (Haryana Amendment Bill, 2020) [Section 72-A of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (Haryana Amendment Bill, 2020) added later on] registered at Police Station Moohana, District Sonapat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner was driving the Bolero Pick-up wherein chemicals for the manufacture of illicit liquor were being transported. He further contends that the petitioner is merely a driver of the vehicle and sole bread winner of his family. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for about 5 ½ months since his arrest on 18.01.2021 and is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Narender Kumar, states that although challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed. He, however, contends that in view of serious allegations against the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is a driver, he is in custody for over five months; he is not involved in any other criminal 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

June 30, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No