

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

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CRM-M-29172-2021

Date of decision : 11.11.2021.

Vikas Dahiya

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. S.K. Panwar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirpal Singh Thakur, AAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.151 dated 11.09.2020, under Sections 269, 270, 420 IPC and Section 1-14-61 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 petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused Pardeep Kumar. It is alleged in the FIR that accused were involved in manufacture and sale of illicit liquor. 148 boxes of liquor were allegedly recovered from the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for over a year. He also contends that the petitioner is involved in two other cases but he is on bail in those cases. Co-accused Balwan has been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-41392-2020 on 13.07.2021.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Sandeep, states that although challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed. He also contends that the petitioner is involved in two other cases.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for over a year, co-accused has been granted bail, 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

November 11, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No