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

(Through video-conferencing)

**CRM-M No.30164 of 2021(O&M)
Date of Decision: 09.08.2021**

Jagdish Singh @ Modi @ Bittu

.....Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present:Mr. Arshdeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amar Ashok Pathak, Addl., A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.51 dated 16.04.2021 registered under Sections 61, 1, 14 of the Punjab Excise Act at Police Station City Ladhowal, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana.

FIR was registered on the basis of secret information on 16.04.2021 in respect of alleged distillation of liquor by the

petitioner and others namely Khandi, Sukhraj Singh and Shinda at the bank of river Satluj. Raid was conducted. 15 bottles of illicit liquor besides 27000 litres of lahan were recovered. Petitioner was arrested on 27.06.2021.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the challan has been presented. Now nothing is to be recovered from the petitioner. Petitioner is in judicial custody. Offence is triable by the Magistrate. The Trial of the case may take some time in its culmination. Co-accused namely Sulkhan Singh @ Khandi, Surinder Singh @ Shinda and Sukhraj @ Sonu @ Kaddu are on interim anticipatory bail.

Learned State counsel, however, opposed the bail on the ground that huge recovery of lahan along with 15 bottles of illicit liquor has been effected in the raid at disclosed place. Petitioner is also involved in other cases, in which, he is on bail.

It is not in dispute that the challan has been presented.

In view of aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case and without meaning anything on merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail.

In view of above, petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial

Court/concerned Duty Magistrate.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

09.08.2021
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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

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