

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-33155-2020 (O & M)
Date of Decision: February 22, 2021**

JAGIR CHAND

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Amandeep Singh Manaise, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.277 dated 24.09.2020, under Section 61 read with Section 78(2) of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was found sitting on a plastic can which contained about 30 litres of illicit liquor. There is no independent witness to the recovery. The petitioner is in custody for over a month.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Sohan Singh states that although the challan has been filed but no prosecution witnesses have been examined. He further contends that the petitioner is also involved in another case under the Excise Act.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner, is in custody for over a month, 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 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

February 22, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No