

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-45201-2021

DATE OF DECISION: NOVEMBER 24, 2021

JASWANT SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ.

PRESENT: MR. ARMAAN GAGNEJA, ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER.
MR. RAMANDEEP SINGH SANDHU, SR.DAG, PUNJAB.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.0249 dated 18.9.2021, under Section 61, 1, 14, Punjab Excise Act, 1914, Police Station City, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, who is in custody since his arrest on 18.9.2021.

The FIR was registered based on a secret information received by ASI Charanjit Singh who alongwith other police officials was present near Little Flower School, Burra Gujjar Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib for checking, when the informer disclosed that Jaswant Singh produces and sells illicit liquor from his home, and if a raid is conducted, huge quantity of illicit liquor can be recovered. Acting upon the said information, 20 bottles of illicit liquor and 300 litres of lahan was recovered and the accused was arrested.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the investigation of the case is complete and the challan stands filed on 16.11.2021. He submits that the trial of the case is likely to consume considerable time. He

prays that the petitioner be released on regular bail during the pendency of the trial.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State assisted by ASI Charanjit Singh has submitted that the investigation in the case is complete and the challan stands filed on 16.11.2021.

Considering the above background, nature of offence committed and the fact that final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has been submitted, this Court is of the opinion that further detention of the petitioner behind the bars may not be necessary for any useful purpose who is presently confined in judicial custody after his arrest on 18.9.2021, as the trial of the case is likely to consume considerable time to conclude.

Resultantly, without meaning any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail in the above case, subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

The petition is allowed.

November 24, 2021
Gulati

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether Reportable : Yes/No

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No