

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

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**CRM-M-44046-2020
Decided on : 14.01.2021**

SARASWATI

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

PRESENT: Mr. Sachin Ohri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sitta, AAG Punjab
assisted by ASI Joginder Singh.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 118, dated 24.10.2020, under Section 61 Punjab Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station Behrampur, District Gurdaspur.

On the last date of hearing i.e., 05.01.2021, the State had been put on notice. The learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Joginder Singh has apprised the Court that the petitioner is a woman of criminal antecedents inasmuch as there are four other cases under the Excise Act registered against her.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner states that she would surrender before the Court below and also prays that the Court below may be directed to decide the petitioner's bail application in a time bound manner on her appearance and surrender before the Court below, which she shall do within 10 days from the date of this order. In the circumstances, he seeks to withdraw the instant petition with liberty to appear and surrender

before the Court below.

Heard.

In the wake of the specific stand taken by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this petition is dismissed as withdrawn. In case the petitioner surrenders within a period of 10 days from the date of this order before the Court below, the Court concerned shall decide her application for grant of bail within one week thereafter, in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

January 14, 2021
S.Sharma(syr)

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>