

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

**CRM-M-3402-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 15.02.2022**

Gurmeet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Ravi Malhotra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.132 dated 22.06.2021, registered under Sections 61 and 78 of the Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Jamalpur, District Ludhiana.

Status report by way of affidavit dated 09.02.2022 of the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Industrial Area-A, Ludhiana, submitted by the learned State counsel, is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not apprehended from the spot, even though a *naka* was laid down by the police and a proper team of police officials was there; that story of the prosecution is not believable that the driver and his accomplice had fled away from the spot; that no recovery was effected from him; and that the car was picked up by the police from his house.

Learned State counsel points out that as per the aforesaid status report dated 09.02.2022, 600 plastic bottles of liquor make 111 ACE

measuring 750 ML each meant for sale in UT Chandigarh only were recovered from the car, which belongs to the petitioner, but on seeing the *naka*, the petitioner and one accomplice had fled away from the spot after leaving the car.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that a huge quantity of illicit liquor has been recovered from the car, owned by the petitioner, no ground is made out to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to him.

The petition is dismissed.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

15.02.2022
Mangal Singh

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