

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

CRM-M-5410-2022

Date of decision-09.02.2022

Ram Karan

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Vishal Yadav, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner has approached this Court under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.159 dated 24.10.2021 under Sections 420 and 120-B Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 61/4/20 Punjab Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station Rewari Sadar, District Rewari, who apprehends his arrest at the hands of police.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the vehicle in question from which the illicit liquor was recovered was with his driver, namely, Sumer Singh, who was arrested at the time of recovery. According to him, the petitioner is not involved in the said crime and as the recovery has already been effected, his custodial interrogation may not be necessary. He prays for grant of bail.

During the course of hearing, it is not disputed by learned counsel that the material loaded in the truck was without any invoice or other papers relating to the transportation.

After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner and considering the above background, this Court is of the opinion that the vehicle wherein illicit liquor was transported belongs to the petitioner and said vehicle was handed over to the driver-Sumer Singh on the instructions of the petitioner. Since the source of the illicit liquor is not known, therefore, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner may be necessary.

Resultantly, this Court is not inclined to extend the extra ordinary concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners.

Dismissed.

09.02.2022

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(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No