

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

**CRM-M-7635-2022
Date of decision: 24.02.2022**

Sachin Sharma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Naveen Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 37 dated 03.05.2019, registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 and Section 420 IPC (Section 61(1)(a) of the Excise Act added later on) at Police Station Daresi, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court, vide order dated 16.10.2019 passed in **CRM-M-23265-2019** and thereafter, the police presented the challan on 03.05.2020 in the absence of the petitioner, consequent to which, the trial Court has cancelled his bail/surety bonds and issued bailable warrants and thereafter non-bailable warrants against the petitioner. Learned counsel further submits that the non-appearance of the petitioner before the trial Court was due to nationwide lockdown induced on account of COVID-19 pandemic. It is further submitted that the petitioner was granted the concession of anticipatory bail in 2019 and he has never misused the same.

Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is ready to surrender before the trial Court and face the trial.

Learned State counsel has not disputed the factual position.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, considering the fact that the appearance of the petitioner before the trial Court will facilitate the early conclusion of trial, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to petitioner to appear before the trial Court within a period of 15 days from today and on doing so, the trial Court will release him on bail, subject to his furnishing fresh bail/surety bonds to its satisfaction.

Till the time the petitioner appears before the trial Court, his arrest shall remain stayed.

However, this will be subject to a condition that petitioner will deposit a cost of Rs. 10,000/- with the District Legal Services Authority, Ludhiana.

24.02.2022

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No