

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

**CRM-M No. 8249 of 2020
Date of Decision: 08.3.2022**

Raj Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURESHWAR THAKUR

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

SURESHWAR THAKUR, J. (ORAL)

(Through video conferencing)

1. FIR bearing No. 7 of 5.1.2020, constituting therein offences embodied under Sections 61 and 78 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, is registered against the petitioner-bail applicant at Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the State of Punjab, on instructions meted to him by ASI Gurtej Singh, submits that, the investigations into the offence (supra), are complete, and, challan stands presented before the learned Court concerned, and, that all the requisite recoveries stand effected, at the instance of the bail applicant-petitioner, to the investigating officer concerned. He further submits that the vehicle, wherein the illicit liquor was being transported, has been impounded.

3. Therefore, this Court does not deem it fit, and, appropriate to order for the custodial interrogation of the petitioner, as it would unnecessarily fetter, and, curtail his personal liberty.

4. In sequel, the instant petition is allowed, and, the order made by this Court on 26.2.2020, is made absolute on the same terms and conditions.

(SURESHWAR THAKUR)
JUDGE

March 08, 2022
Gurpreet

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : Yes/No