

**IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT
AT CHANDIGRH**

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**CRM-M No.29802 of 2021
Date of Decision: 15.02.2022**

VINOD KUMAR @ BITTU

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

... RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present: Mr. Vinod Ghai, Sr. Advocate assisted by
Ms. Kanika Ahuja, Advocate,
Mr. Balkar Singh, Advocate,
Mr. Edward Augustine George and
Ms. Mahima Dogra Advocates
for the petitioners.

Ms. Ambika Sood, Addl. A.G. Haryana.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (ORAL):

By way of the instant petition, the petitioner has made second attempt to seek the relief of regular bail in the criminal case arising out of the FIR bearing No.528 dated 05.11.2020 registered at Police Station Kharkhoda, District Sonapat under Sections 272, 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC and Section 61.4.2020 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (Haryana Amendment Bill, 2020). It is worthwhile to mention here that the first petition bearing **CRM-M No.22833 of 2021**, as moved by the petitioner for seeking the same relief, was dismissed as having been withdrawn vide the order dated 16.07.2021.

Status-report has already been filed on behalf of the respondent/State by way of the affidavit of Assistant Superintendent of Police, Kharkhoda and the same is taken on the record.

I have heard learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel in the present petition and have also perused the file thoroughly.

Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is behind the bars since the date of his arrest i.e. 17.04.2021 and the Challan has already been presented in the Court and after the withdrawal of the afore-mentioned first petition, a period of 7 more months has passed and during this interregnum, the prime accused named Ankit has been extended the relief of regular bail by the Co-ordinate Bench vide the order dated 27.10.2021 passed in **CRM-M No.25776 of 2021** and some of his other co-accused namely Satish Kumar, Mohit and Randeep @ Nanhe have also been granted the same relief by the Co-ordinate Benches vide the orders dated 29.10.2021, 03.11.2021 and 28.09.2021 passed in the petitions bearing **CRM-M Nos.43858, 21641 and 39398 of 2021** respectively and moreover, there are no allegations against the petitioner qua his involvement in the alleged manufacturing of the spurious liquor and rather, he is alleged to have supplied the fake holograms, labels and caps of the bottles to his co-accused.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the afore-referred factual position.

Keeping in view the above discussed facts and circumstances as well as the fact that the trial of the case is likely to take sufficient time to conclude and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petitioner named Vinod Kumar @ Bittu is hereby

ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition in hand stands allowed accordingly.

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : **Yes/No**

Whether reportable : **Yes/No**