

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-372-2023

Date of Decision: 06.01.2023

VAISHALI SONI

... Petitioner

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB & ANR.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. PS Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner

Sandeep Moudgil, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in Complaint No.COMA-17-2022 dated 19.04.2022 titled as “State through Drug Inspector vs. Ramesh Kumar & Ors.” filed under Section 18(a)(i) read with Section 17A & 17B punishable under Section 27(b)(i) and 27(c) of the Drug and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules of 1945, framed thereunder, which is pending in the Court of CJM, Barnala, wherein the petitioner has been summoned to face trial vide order dated 16.08.2022 (Annexure P2).

The allegations *qua* the petitioner are that he was indulged in manufacturing of hand sanitizers which were found to be of adulterated, and of poor and sub-standard quality.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Rajiv Verma, DAG Punjab accepts notice. He contends that the petitioner was indulged in malpractice and making undue money by fraudulent means, even during the period of pandemic COVID-19, and at that time, the Disaster Management Act was in vogue.

Be that as it may, the petitioner is appearing before the trial court and is facing trial in complaint case and there is no chance of his evading the

process of law, at this stage. The factum of adulteration and substandard quality of hand sanitizer, is yet to be ascertained in the trial court, on the basis of the analysis report, which is to be proved. Therefore, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of CJM, Barnala.

Disposed of.

06.01.2023

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- 1. Whether speaking/reasoned?
- 2. Whether reportable?

(Sandeep Moudgil)
Judge

Yes/No
Yes/No