

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

[CRM-M-2489-2023](#)

Decided on 10.03.2023

RAMESH KUMAR BANSAL

... Petitioner

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Ashok Giri, Advocate for the petitioner

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (Oral)

The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in complaint bearing COMA-17-2022 dated 19.04.2022 under Sections 18(a)(i) read with Section 17-A & 17-B, 27(b)(i) & 27(c) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules 1945 (Annexure P8).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegations *qua* the petitioner are that he was indulged in manufacturing of adulterated hand sanitizers which were found to be of poor and sub-standard quality. He further contended that co-accused has since been granted the concession of pre-arrest bail in **CRM-M-372-2023 (Vaishali Soni vs. State of Punjab & Anr.)** decided on 06.01.2023.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Rajiv Verma, DAG Punjab accepts notice and 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.

10.03.2023
V.Vishal

(Sandeep Moudgil)
Judge