

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-26166-2023  
Date of Decision.:29.05.2023

Satwinder Singh  
Vs.  
State of Punjab

.....Petitioner  
  
.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. G.S. Verma, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail by way of this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.56 dated 13.04.2023 registered under Section 61 of The Punjab Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station Machhiwara, Police District Khanna, District Ludhiana.

2. As per the prosecution allegations, on 13.04.2023, 960 bottles of liquor were recovered from the possession of the petitioner from Ludhiana, though the said liquor was meant to be sold at Chandigarh.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

5. Custody certificate has been placed on record by learned State counsel revealing that petitioner is in custody in this case for the last 1 months and 12 days. He is involved in one more case of similar nature.

6. Recovery has already been effected. Investigation is complete

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as stated by learned State counsel. No purpose shall be served by detaining the accused behind the bars. Offence in question is exclusively triable by Magistrate. Trial may take time to conclude.

7. Having regard to the factual position as above but without commenting anything on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and petitioner is admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

May 29, 2023

Neetika Tuteja

(DEEPAK GUPTA)

JUDGE

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| Whether Speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable        | Yes/No |