

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-55339-2022
Date of Decision:-22.05.2023

BIMLA ... Petitioner
Versus
STATE OF PUNJAB ... Respondent

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

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Present:- Ms. Amarjot Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Mr. Hakam Singh, AAG, Punjab.
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KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of regular bail in a case having FIR No.303 dated 21.10.2022 registered under Sections 61-1-14 of Punjab Excise Act, at Police Station civil Lines, Batala, District Gurdaspur.
2. The allegations in nut shell are that police received secret information and then raided the petitioner's premises, on which 180 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from the spot and she was arrested at the spot.
3. The counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and is incarcerated for the last more than 6 months. The counsel for the petitioner further submits that the trial is at its initial stage and it will take considerable time for

the trial to conclude so prayer is made that petitioner be released on bail.

4. The instant petition is resisted by the State counsel, who on instruction ASI Deepak Kumar submits that the petitioner was arrested at the spot along with 180 bottles of illicit liquor and also involved in cases of similarly nature. However, the State counsel has not disputed the fact that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 6 months and it is going to take time for termination of the trial.
5. I have considered the submissions made by counsel for the parties.
6. In view of the fact that the recovery stands effected and that on completion of investigation, police has presented challan and trial is yet to commence and further the petitioner is in custody for the last 6 months, so no fruitful purpose is going to be served by prolonging judicial custody of the petitioner for indefinite period.
7. Thus, without commenting on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

22.05.2023
Gaurav Sorot

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned / speaking?	Yes / No
Whether reportable?	Yes / No