



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-61686-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision :25.03.2026

ANKIT MALHOTRA

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF UT CHANDIGARH AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankur Bali, Addl. P.P., U.T., Chandigarh.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)

CRM-11535-2026

The present application has been filed by the applicant-petitioner for revival of the CRM-M-11535-2025 which was dismissed for non-prosecution on 12.03.2026.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and the main case is restored to its original number.

CRM-M-61686-2025

The prayer in the present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for quashing of the FIR No.056 dated 15.05.2023 registered under Sections 61(1) of Punjab Excise Act read with Section 420, 120-B IPC at Police Station Industrial Area, Chandigarh along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

2. None appeared on behalf of the petitioner because of which the case was dismissed for non-prosecution on 25.02.2026. An

application has been filed for revival of the main petition. Once again, none has put in appearance on behalf of the petitioner.

3. The learned State counsel submits that the petitioner was granted the concession of anticipatory bail vide order dated 10.07.2023 (Annexure P-2). However, despite the grant of such concession, the petitioner has not joined the investigation and for that reason, the challan has not been submitted against him. In fact, he appears to be absconding since the time his anticipatory bail was granted. As regards the co-accused namely, Hari Ram, he has been arrested and the challan stands submitted against him. He, therefore, prays that since the petitioner is absconding, the present petition is liable to be dismissed.

4. Heard.

5. As per the prosecution case, Truck No.HR69-A-8985 was intercepted by the police party and the recovery of 442 of boxes of liquor of different brands including 356 boxes of Royal Green containing 34176 nips of ml. came to be effected from the truck which was being driven by Hari Ram. On the disclosure of Hari Ram, the owner of the truck Sukhwinder Singh was called. During investigation, he disclosed that it was the petitioner at whose instance the TATA 407 vehicle was sent to load goods from the godown. As per the Investigating Agency liquor boxes were hidden behind boxes of medicines.

6. Apparently, the petitioner is one of the main accused and is absconding. The challan against co-accused already stands submitted.

7. Therefore, the question of quashing of the FIR does not arise. Hence, the present petition stands dismissed.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)

25.03.2026 Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

JUDGE

JITESH

Whether reportable:- Yes/No