

HARJEET SINGH VS PUNJAB STATE etc.

Present: Sh. N K BHAMBI Advocate for the Applicant.
Sh. Suneet Kumar, learned APP for the State.

1. Heard on the bail application moved by the applicant/accused Harjeet Singh in a case F.I.R. No. 01 dated 02.01.2025 Under section 61-1-14 Excise Act, registered at Police Station Bilga, District Jalandhar.

2. Briefly the facts of the case as per the contents of the FIR that the accused has been apprehended in the present case for allegedly having 25 bottles each containing 750/750 ml illicit liquor total measuring 18,750 ml in his possession. Hence the present case.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant/accused has argued that applicant/accused has not committed any offence. The applicant/accused is in judicial custody since 03.01.2025. Alleged recovery has already been effected from the accused and nothing is to be recovered from him. Applicant/accused is no more required for further investigation. It is further argued that applicant/accused undertakes to appear in the court on each and every date of hearing. Ld. counsel for the accused has requested that bail may kindly be granted to the applicant/accused and the present bail application be allowed.

4. On the other hand, learned APP for the State has argued that the bail could not be granted to the accused as he has committed serious offences.

5. The accused has been arrested in this case for allegedly

possessing having 25 bottles each containing 750/750 ml illicit liquor total measuring 18,750 ml. Accused is behind the bar since 02.01.2025. No useful purpose will be served by detaining the accused in custody and trial in the case is expected to take some time. In view of the discussion above and the cardinal rule that bail is the rule and jail an exception, the Court finds it a fit case to grant the concession of bail to the accused Harjeet Singh. Thus, the accused be released on bail subject to him furnishing bail bonds in the sum of Rs. 25,000/- with one surety of the like amount.

Bail bonds and surety bonds furnished which are accepted and attested as correct. Copy of this order be sent to Superintendent Jail concerned immediately. Papers be tagged with the main file/remand papers.

Date of Order: 06-02-2025
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(Mukesh Kumar Singla)
Judicial Magistrate First Class
Phillaur/UID NO . PB00475