

Tarlochan Singh Versus State-1221 of 2019.

(CNR No.PBHO01-0006163-2018).

‘Application for Regular Bail’.

Present: Shri M.K Khanna, Counsel for applicant-accused.  
Shri Satnam Singh, Additional PP for State.

ORDER:

Applicant Tarlochan Singh is seeking regular bail in FIR No.17 dated 12.2.2019, U/s 61/1/14 of Punjab Excise Act, PS Sadar, Hoshiarpur.

2. Upon notice, application is opposed by Learned Additional PP for the State on the ground that allegations against accused are serious and he cannot be granted bail in this case because the offence is very heinous in nature. So, he has prayed that application be dismissed.

3. In brief, prosecution version is that on 12.2.2019, ASI Sukhwinder Singh alongwith police party were on patrolling duty and were present opposite Swaran Farm where Excise Inspector and other police officials also met them. Excise Inspector informed that a truck loaded with whiskey is coming from Chandigarh side and then picket was led. At about 11.30 PM at night, one truck bearing No.PB-12J-8749 was spotted coming and it was signaled to stop. Due to darkness, driver of truck succeeded in running from the window of truck. On search of the truck, 400 boxes containing 12 bottles of ROCK STAR Deluxe Whiskey in each box and 18 boxes containing 12 bottles of Royal King Whiskey in each box, which was for sale in Arunachal Pradesh was recovered from the truck. FIR was registered and accused were arrested later on. It has been argued by Learned Counsel for the applicant-accused that he is innocent and has been falsely implicated on the basis of secret information and suspicion. He was not in the alleged truck. The FIR is dated 12.2.2019 but applicant-accused was arrested on 11.4.2019 and is in custody since then. The presentation of challan may take time. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the accused-applicant Tarlochan Singh is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal bail bonds in the sum of ₹1,00,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of Duty/Illaq Magistrate, subject to the conditions that he will appear in the court on each and every date of hearing, will not tamper with the prosecution evidence and will not leave India without prior permission of this court. Bail application stands disposed of accordingly. File be consigned to the record room.

Announced in open court:

Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

‘Gautam Manocha, JW (SG)’

(Sandeep Kumar Singla),

Judge, Special Court, Hoshiarpur.

(UID No.PB-0118).