

State Vs. Raj Singh
BA No.1528 of 2026

FIR No.103 dated 9.05.2026.

Under Sections :- 61 Excise Act.

Police Station :- Dharamkot

Present :- Shri Arshdeep Singh Brar, Advocate for applicant/accused, namely, Raj Singh
Shri Sukhdev Singh, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the state, with ASI Sahib Singh.

Order :

1. Arguments heard. As per the prosecution story, applicant/accused has allegedly committed the offences under Sections 61 of Excise Act.
2. Vide order dated 20.05.2026, this Court granted interim bail to the accused/applicant with a direction to join the investigation. ASI Sahib Singh, No.631/Moga, Police Post Kishanpura, Police Station Dharamkot appeared and made statement that in pursuance of the directions issued by this court, the applicant/accused has joined the investigation. His custodial interrogation is no more required.
3. This Court has heard arguments advanced by learned counsel for accused/applicant, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State and has gone through the record carefully. As per prosecution allegations, on 9.05.2026, police party headed by ASI Sahib Singh laid police picket at Bus Stand Kishanpura Kalan in connection with checking. There Baljit Singh, Excise Inspector, Dharamkot Halqa along with SC Harmandeep Singh came there. They were joined in the police party. ASI Sahib Singh received secret information that Baj Singh, Angrej Singh, Raj Singh sons of Resham Singh were habitual of distilling illicit liquor and used to sell the same. They kept concealed two plastic containers in the maize crops, near the bridge of satluj river, where were situated on the bridge to Piara Singh Wala ramp road. If search of maize crop could be conducted, illicit liquor could be recovered. Finding the said information to be reliable, ASI Sahib Singh sent ruqa through SC Harmandeep Singh and got the FIR registered. Then ASI Sahib Singh along with other police officials conducted raid at the disclosed place and

recovered two plastic containers from the maize crop. On measurement, 50 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from the abovesaid two plastic containers.

4. As per statement of the Investigating Officer, accused/applicant has joined the investigation. In the present case, recovery of illicit liquor has already been effected. The accused/applicant could not be arrested from the spot. From the aforesaid version, it is observed that the criminal liability of accused/applicants is a matter of trial. The presentation of challan and conclusion of trial is likely to take considerable time. ASI Sahib Singh has suffered stated that the accused/applicant has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required. Therefore, the interim order dated 20.05.2026 is made absolute subject to the following conditions :-

- I) That the applicant shall join the investigation as and when called by the investigating officer;
- II) That the applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;
- III) That the applicant shall not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

File be consigned to the record room.

**Pronounced in open Court,
On 25.05.2026.**

Typed by Jagjit Singh Panesar,

**(Muneesh Arora)
Additional Sessions Judge,
Moga(UID No.PB00135)**