

**IN THE COURT OF SH. PRABHJOT BHATTI, PCS
JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS, LUDHIANA**

State Versus Lakhvir Singh @ Lakhu son of Vazir Chand, resident of
Bazigar Basti, Village Kot Gangu Rai, PS Koom Kalan,
Ludhiana.

.....Applicant-accused

FIR No. 0032 dated 20.02.2026
U/S(s): 61, 1, 14 Punjab Excise Act
PS: Koom Kalan, Ludhiana

Present: Ld. APP for the State.
Sh. RS Sivia, Advocate for accused-applicant.

ORDER

1. Vide this order, this Court intends to dispose of an application under Section 480 BNSS for grant of regular bail moved by accused-applicant. It is contended in the bail application that applicant/accused has been falsely implicated in the present case and that the case is based on secret information which is not admissible in law. It is further contended that applicant/accused is in judicial custody since long and the conclusion of the trial shall take sufficient time and till then the detention of applicant-accused would not serve any useful purpose. It is further contended that applicant/accused is no more required by the police for further investigation. As such, prayer has been made for allowing the bail application of the applicant-accused.

2. Upon notice, APP for the State appeared. Reply to the present bail application has not been preferred to be filed and the application has been orally contested. He has argued that allegations against the applicant-accused are of serious in nature for which he is not entitled for any concession of bail. Resting his arguments Ld. APP for the State has made prayer for dismissal of the present bail application.

3. Per contra, learned counsel for applicant has argued that the present FIR has been registered against the applicant/accused on the basis of secret information and that he has not committed any offence as alleged. Further, it has been argued that as the basic rule of the criminal

jurisprudence is bail and not jail, therefore, a prayer has been made for extending the concession of bail to the applicant/accused.

4. This Court has heard learned counsel for the accused-applicant and learned APP for the State and have gone through the record very carefully and minutely.

5. Heard. Perusal of the record would transpire that accusations against the applicant-accused are serious in nature since allegedly heavy recovery of 36 bottles of liquor make Rajdhani Whiskey (sale in U.T. Chandigarh only), 96 bottles of liquor makra 999 Powerstar Fine Whiskey (sale in U.T. Chandigarh only) has been effected from the possession of applicant/accused. This Court as such after taking into consideration the seriousness of offence in juxtaposition with custody of applicant-accused is able to attain the view that applicant-accused is not entitled to the concession of bail at this stage. Accordingly, with above observations, bail application of the applicant-accused stands dismissed. File complete in all respects is ordered to be tagged with the remand papers else be consigned to Record Room.

Pronounced in open Court
Dated 09.03.2026

Rajni, SG-III
(Direct dictation on computer)

(Prabhjot Bhatti),
Judicial Magistrate First Class,
Ludhiana (UID No. PB0635)