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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9217 of 2026

Karan Soni S/o Shri Mohan Soni Aged About 26 Years R/o Ward No. 09,
Nayapara Mahasamund Thana Tehsil And District Mahasamund
Chhattisgarh. **... Applicant**

versus

The State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer Police Station
Mahasamund District Mahasamund Chhattisgarh **... Non-applicant**

For Applicant : Shri Rajendra Patel, Advocate.

For Non-applicant/State : Shri Sourabh Sahu, Panel Lawyer.

(HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE RAKESH MOHAN PANDEY)

Order on Board

15/10/2026

1. This is the **First bail application** filed under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant, who has been arrested in connection with Crime No.517/2026 registered at Police Station Mahasamund, District Mahasamund (C.G.), for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
2. As per the case of the prosecution, on 08.09.2026, upon secret information, the police reached the spot and seized 12.600 bulk litre country made liuquor from the applicant and co-accused persons, who were transporting the same by the vehicle No. CG-06-HB-5345.

Thereafter, the police registered the offence as stated above, against the applicant.

- 3.** Learned Counsel for the applicant would submit that the present applicant has been falsely implicated in this case and the said 12.600 bulk liters country made liquor was not seized from the exclusive possession of the applicant. It is further argued by him that the present applicant has no criminal antecedents under the Excise Act and under Section 34(2) of the C.G. Excise Act, minimum punishment is one year and maximum punishment is three years and the present applicant has been in jail since 08.09.2026, conclusion of the trial is likely to take some considerable time. Therefore, he prays for grant of regular bail to the applicant.
- 4.** On the other hand, learned counsel for the State would oppose the bail application and submit that the applicant may abscond, if the bail is granted to him, therefore he is not entitled for grant of regular bail in the present case.
- 5.** I have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.
- 6.** Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and having considered the quantity of liquor seized from joint the possession of the applicant and other co-accused persons and that, there are no criminal antecedents pending against the present applicant before the competent Court and he is in jail since 08.09.2026, conclusion of the trial may take some more time, without making any observation on merits of the matter, this Court is of the view that the

applicant is entitled to be released on bail in this case.

7. Let the applicant be released on bail on his furnishing a **personal bond** in sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the Court concerned with the following conditions:-

(i) he 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 fact to the Court;

(ii) he shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial, &

(iii) he shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

8. The observation made herein above is for the purpose of deciding this bail application only and the trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits.

Sd/-

(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)

Judge