

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 7140 of 2015

Santosh Sonwani, S/o Budhram Sonwani, Aged About 60 Years, R/o Village- Navagaon, Police Station- Pallari, District- Baloda Bazar-Bhatapara (Chhattisgarh).

---- Applicant

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh, Through- S.H.O.- Pallari, District- Baloda Bazar-Bhatapara (Chhattisgarh).

---- Respondent

For Applicant : Mr. Hemant Gupta, Advocate

For Respondent : Mr. Anant Bajpai, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order On Board

21/12/2015

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the applicant who has been arrested in connection with Crime No.410/2015 registered at Police Station- Pallari, District Baloda Bazar-Bhatapara (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of the Excise Act.
2. The prosecution alleges that the applicant was found to be in possession of illicit liquor measuring about 8.10 bulk liters and he was arrested on 30.11.2015.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has falsely been implicated in this case and he is in jail since 30.11.2015; therefore, he may be released on bail.
4. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail, however, he would submit that as per the information received from the concerned SHO, one case was registered against the

applicant in the year 2000 in which fine was imposed and no offence is committed within short proximity of time.

5. Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances and the fact that the quantity of seized liquor is 8.10 bulk liters; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicant is in jail since 30.11.2015, this Court is inclined to release the applicant on bail.
6. Accordingly, the bail application filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. is allowed.
7. It is directed that the applicant shall be released on bail on furnishing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, for his appearance as and when directed.
8. It is made clear that if the applicant is found to be involved in similar offence again, this order granting bail to the applicant shall automatically stand canceled without reference to the Court and the concerned police shall be at liberty to re-arrest the applicant in this case also, after informing the concerned Judicial Magistrate where trial is pending.
9. Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Goutam Bhaduri)
Judge