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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

M.CR.C. No. 6695 of 2015

1. Jagdish Prasad Verma, S/o. Keshav Ram Verma, aged about 45 years, R/o. Village-Bhaismudhi, Police Station – Kharora, District – Raipur (C.G.)

----Applicant

Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh, Through : Station House Officer, Police Station – Arang, District – Raipur (Chhattisgarh)

---- Respondent

For Applicant	:	Mr. L.C. Dash, Advocate
For Respondent/State	:	Mr. Vinod Tekam, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order On Board

08/12/2015

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail to the applicant who has been arrested in connection with Crime No.333/2015, registered at Police Station – Arang, District – Raipur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 150 of the Chhattisgarh Electricity Act.
2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the applicant was given contract of meter reading from the Electricity Department from 18.08.2015 to 09.10.2015 and while recording the meter reading, the meter reading was falsely shown as either it was shown less or something wrong was shown and thereby the offence is committed.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that the applicant has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the applicant had engaged employee for meter reading and the defect is

not malafide and only few reading were found wrong. He would further submit that charge sheet has been filed and the applicant is in jail since 06.11.2015, therefore, the counsel prays that the applicant may be enlarged on bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application.
5. I have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.
6. Having regard to the fact and the degree of the offence and the nature of allegation levelled against the applicant and further taking into facts and circumstances of the case and the fact that the charge sheet in this case has been filed, this Court is of the opinion that present is a fit case, in which, the applicant should be enlarged on regular bail.
7. Accordingly, the bail application filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. is allowed.
8. It is directed that applicant shall be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in the 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.
9. Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Goutam Bhaduri)
Judge