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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 3737 of 2015

1. Birendra Sonkar, S/o Laduram Sonkar, aged about 38 years, R/o Sonkarpara, Gunderdehi, Civil and Revenue District – Balod (C.G.)
2. Uttam Sen, S/o Paluram Sen, aged about 40 years, R/o Mundera, Police Station Gunderdehi, Civil and Revenue District -Balod (C.G.)

---- Applicants

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer,
Police Station Gunderdehi, District-Balod (C.G.)

----Non-applicant

For Applicant: Mr. Purunendra Khichariya, Advocate.
For Respondent/State: Ms. Madhu Nisha Singh, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal

Order On Board

10/08/2015

Heard.

(1) The accused/applicants have moved this bail application under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for releasing them on regular bail during trial in connection with Crime No. 193/2015 registered at Police Station Gunderdehi, District – Balod for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of

the Chhattisgarh Excise Act, 1915.

(2) Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that 17.280 bulk liters of illicit liquor was seized by the police from the applicants.

(3) Learned counsel for the applicants submits that the applicants have falsely been implicated in the case, and therefore, the applicants may be released on bail.

(4) On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application.

(5) I have heard the counsel appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.

(6) Taking into consideration the condition incorporated in Section 59-A(ii) of the C.G. Excise Act, 1915, and bearing in mind the principles of law laid down in **Banti Singh v. State of Chhattisgarh** (M.Cr.C. No.6846 of 2014, decided on 05.01.2015), if the facts of present case are examined, it is apparent that only 17.280 bulk liters of illicit liquor has been seized from the applicants which is more than prescribed limit of 5 bulk liters, but looking to the fact that it is first offence of the applicants and they are in custody from 06.07.2015, case is triable by the Judicial Magistrate First Class, trial is likely to take some more time and further taking into account the nature and gravity of offence and plea raised by the applicants that they have falsely been implicated in case, I am of the opinion that present is

the fit case, in which, the applicants should be enlarged on regular bail.

(7) Accordingly, the bail application filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. is allowed. It is directed that on furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned Court for their appearance as and when directed, the applicants shall be released on bail, subject to following conditions:

- That, the applicants shall furnish a specific undertaking that while on bail, they will not commit any excise offence, otherwise bail granted to them shall be liable to be cancelled and shall co-operate the prosecution during trial.
- That, the accused/applicants shall make themselves available for interrogation before the concerned Investigating Officer as and when required and the accused/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/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.
- That, the accused/applicants shall not act, in any manner, which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial.

Certified copy, as per rules.

Sd/-
(Sanjay K. Agrawal)
Judge

D/-

