

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**MCRC No. 539 of 2016**

Manmohan Lahre S/o Melaram Lahre Aged About 21 Years R/o Village Bhudupara, P.S. Pathalgaon, Civil And Rev. Distt. Jashpur Chhattisgarh.

---- **Petitioner**

**Versus**

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd. Sitapur, P.S. Sitapur, Dist. Surguja, Chhattisgarh.

---- **Respondent**

**MCRC No. 688 of 2016**

Manmohan Lahre S/o Melaram Lahre Aged About 21 Years R/o Village Bhudupara, P.S. Pathalgaon, Civil And Rev. Distt. Jashpur Chhattisgarh.

---- **Petitioner**

**Vs**

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd. Sitapur, P.S. Sitapur, Dist. Surguja, Chhattisgarh.

---- **Respondent**

**MCRC No. 546 of 2016**

Manmohan Lahre S/o Melaram Lahre Aged About 21 Years R/o Village Bhudupara, P.S. Pathalgaon, Civil & Rev. Distt. Jashpur, Chhattisgarh.

---- **Petitioner**

**Vs**

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd. Sitapur, P.S. Sitapur, District Surguja, Chhattisgarh

---- **Respondent**

**MCRC No. 543 of 2016**

Manmohan Lahre S/o Melaram Lahre Aged About 21 Years R/o Village Bhudupara, P.S. Pathalgaon, Civil & Revenue District Jashpur Chhattisgarh

---- **Petitioner**

**Vs**

State Of Chhattisgarh Through : Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd. Sitapur, P.S. Sitapur, District Surguja Chhattisgarh

---- Respondent

**MCRC No. 550 of 2016**

Manmohan Lahre S/o Melaram Lahre Aged About 21 Years R/o Village Bhudupara, P.S. Pathalgaon, Civil & Revenue District Jashpur Chhattisgarh

---- Petitioner

**Vs**

State Of Chhattisgarh Through : Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd. Sitapur, P.S. Sitapur, District Surguja Chhattisgarh

---- Respondent

**MCRC No. 544 of 2016**

Manmohan Lahre S/o Melaram Lahre Aged About 21 Years R/o Village Bhudupara, P.S. Pathalgaon, Civil & Revenue District Jashpur Chhattisgarh

---- Petitioner

**Vs**

State Of Chhattisgarh Through : Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd. Sitapur, P.S. Sitapur, District Sarguja Chhattisgarh

---- Respondent

**MCRC No. 547 of 2016**

Manmohan Lahre S/o Melaram Lahre Aged About 21 Years R/o Village Bhudupara, P.S. Pathalgaon, Civil & Revenue District Jashpur Chhattisgarh

---- Petitioner

**Vs**

State Of Chhattisgarh Through : Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd. Sitapur, P.S. Sitapur, District Sarguja Chhattisgarh

---- Respondent

**AND**

**MCRC No. 548 of 2016**

Manmohan Lahre S/o Melaram Lahre Aged About 21 Years R/o Village Bhudupara, P.S. Pathalgaon, Civil & Rev. Distt. Jashpur, Chhattisgarh.

---- Petitioner

**Vs**

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution  
Company Ltd. Sitapur, P.S. Sitapur, District Surguja, Chhattisgarh

---- Respondent

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| For Applicant:           | Mr. Vinod Kumar Tekam, Advocate. |
| For Non-applicant/State: | Mr. Om P. Sahu, Govt. Advocate.  |

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Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal

Order On Board

17/03/2016

1. Since the above eight bail applications have been filed by one and same applicant, they are being disposed of by this common order.
2. The accused/applicant has moved these bail applications under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for releasing him on regular bail during trial in connection with following crime numbers registered at police stations mentioned therein, for the offence punishable under Sections 379, 411 read with Section 34 of the IPC; Sections 136, 137, 140 of the Electricity Act; and Sections 3, 2(a) of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984: -

| S.No. | Bail Application No. | Crime No. | Police Station                     |
|-------|----------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 1.    | M.Cr.C.No.539/2016   | 57/2015   | Nakna (Patelpara)/Sitapur          |
| 2.    | M.Cr.C.No.688/2016   | 69/2015   | Petla (Khatguda)/Sitapur           |
| 3.    | M.Cr.C.No.546/2016   | 128/2015  | Radhapara, Tendupara/Sitapur       |
| 4.    | M.Cr.C.No.543/2016   | 86/2015   | Patela (Khatguda)/Sitapur          |
| 5.    | M.Cr.C.No.550/2016   | 180/2015  | Khadagerna (Nawganshipara)/Sitapur |
| 6.    | M.Cr.C.No.544/2016   | 127/2015  | Pratapgarh Sadakpara/Sitapur       |
| 7.    | M.Cr.C.No.547/2016   | 157/2015  | Rajkheta Patrapara/Sitapur         |
| 8.    | M.Cr.C.No.548/2016   | 179/2015  | Dharampur Nagwanshi/Sitapur        |

3. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the applicant, in all the criminal cases, is said to have purchased the stolen copper wire owned by the

Electricity Board and thereby committed the offence.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has not committed any offence and he has been falsely implicated in all the aforesaid cases. The applicant is in jail since 23-9-2015. At the most, offence under Section 411 of the IPC for purchasing stolen property is made out against the applicant and he had already suffered jail sentence for five months. Charge-sheet has been filed and co-accused Manoj Agrawal has been granted bail by a coordinate Bench of this Court in M.Cr.C.No.7292/2015 by order dated 4-1-2016. Another co-accused Kartik Ram has also been granted bail by this Court by order dated 10-3-2016 passed in M.Cr.C.No.1045/2016 and thirty-three connected cases.
5. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail applications.
6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.
7. Taking into consideration the nature and gravity of offence, facts and circumstances of the case, stolen property has already been recovered from the possession of the applicant, he is in jail since 23-9-2015 and co-accused Manoj Agrawal & Kartik Ram have already been released on bail, I am of the opinion that the applicant deserves to be released on regular bail in all the above eight crime numbers. Accordingly, the applications are allowed.
8. It is, therefore, directed that applicant Manmohan Lahre be released on bail, in all the above eight crime numbers, 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 Court for his appearance as and when directed.

Sd/-  
(Sanjay K. Agrawal)  
Judge