

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**

**MCRC No. 4868 of 2016**

Ramratan Sahu, S/o Bhagau Ram Sahu, Aged About 38 Years, R/o Village Damakheda, Police Station Simga, District Baloda Bazar – Bhatapara Chhattisgarh

**---- Applicant**

**Versus**

State of Chhattisgarh Through : Station House Officer, Police Of Police Station Simga, District Baloda Bazar - Bhatapara Chhattisgarh

**--- Respondent**

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For Applicant : Mr. Anil Gulati, Advocate  
For Respondent/State : Mr. Sumit Jhanwar, Panel Lawyer  
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**Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri**

**Order On Board**

**23/08/2016**

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. 206/2016 registered at – Police Station – Simga, 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 5.76 liters and he was arrested on 24.07.2016.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has falsely been implicated in this case and the applicant is in jail since 24.07.2016, 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, the applicant has no previous antecedents of similar offence.
5. Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances and the fact that the quantity of seized liquor is 5.76 liters; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicant is in jail since 24.07.2016, 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.

**Sd/-**  
**(Goutam Bhaduri)**  
**Judge**