

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 5654 of 2016

Panchram Saraswat, S/o Motiram, Aged About 38 Years, R/o - Village - Nariyara, P.S. - Hasaud, District - Janjgir - Champa Chhattisgarh

---- Applicant

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh Through District Magistrate, District - Janjgir - Champa Chhattisgarh

---- Respondent

For Applicant : Mr. Atul Kumar Kesharwani, Advocate

For Respondent/State : Mr. Anant Bajpai, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order On Board

20/09/2016

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. 149/2016 registered at – Police Station – Excise Circle Sakti, District Janjgir Champa (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 34(1)(A), 34 (2) & 59 (A) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
2. The prosecution alleges that the applicant was found to be in possession of illicit liquor measuring about 14 bulk liters and he was arrested on 12.08.2016.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has falsely been implicated in this case and the applicant is in jail since 12.08.2016, 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 14 bulk liters; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicant is in jail since 12.08.2016, 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