

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 7672 of 2015

- Santosh Patel S/o Late Aganu Patel Aged About 45 Years R/o Village - Bapu Tola, Police Station - Out Post Chikhali, Rajnandgaon, Tah. - Rajnandgaon, Civil Revenue District - Rajnandgaon Chhattisgarh --- **Petitioner**

Versus

- State of Chhattisgarh Through Distt. Magistrate, Rajnandgaon Chhattisgarh --- **Respondent**

For the applicant	:	Mr. Shashibhushan Tiwari, Advocate
For the Respondent	:	Ms. Sunita Jain, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order on Board

14.01.2016

1. This is an application filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking grant of regular bail to the applicant in connection with Crime No. 252/2015 registered at P.S. Excise Circle, Dhumka, Distt. Rajnandgaon (C.G) for the offence punishable under Sections 34(2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
2. The prosecution alleges that when a raid/inspection was conducted by the Police, 08.640 bulk litres of illicit liquor was seized from the possession of the applicant.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is in jail since 12.12.2015 and the seizure having been made, no further investigation is necessary.
4. Per contra, learned State Counsel opposes the bail application. However, he submits that the concerned SHO has reported that the applicant has no criminal antecedents.
5. Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances and the fact that the quantity of seized liquor in this case is

08.640 bulk litres; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicant is in jail since 12.12.2015 this Court is inclined to release him on bail. Accordingly, this application is allowed.

6. The applicant is directed to be released on bail on his executing a personal bond in sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court . He shall also appear before the trial Court as and when directed by the said Court.

7. C.c. as per rules.

Sd/-
GOUTAM BHADURI
JUDGE

Rao