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**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR****MCRC No. 3440 of 2016**

Santosh Ramteke, son of Bheem Rao Ramteke, aged about 45 years, Caste Mahar, R/o. Umarvahi, Police Station Dongergaon, Tah. Churiya, Distt. Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

---- Applicant

**Versus**

State Of Chhattisgarh, Through: Police Station Excise Circle – Dhumka, Distt. Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

---- Non-applicant

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For Applicant: Mr. Praveen Dhurandhar, Advocate.  
For Non-applicant/State: Mr. Garry Mukhopadhyaya, G.A.

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**Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy****Order On Board****09/06/2016**

Heard.

(1) This is the first application filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of bail to the applicant who is in jail since 17.05.2016 in connection with Crime No. 35/2016 registered at Police Station-Excise Circle, Ghumka, Distt. Rajnandgaon (C.G.), for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.

(2) Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that applicant was found in illegal possession of 18 bulk liters of country made liquor and thereby committed the aforesaid offence.

(3) Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent, he has been falsely implicated in the instant case and no

liquor has been seized from his lawful possession. He further submit that the applicant is in judicial custody since 17.05.2016 and this is the first time where the applicant has been implicated under the Excise Act and therefore taking into consideration all these facts he may be enlarged on bail.

(4) Opposing the bail application, learned counsel for the State submits that the applicant was found to be in unlawful possession of 18 bulk liters of country made liquor and therefore he is not entitled to be released on bail.

(5) Without commenting on merits, considering the totality of the facts & circumstances of the case and also considering the fact that the applicant is languishing in jail since 17.05.2016 and considering the quantity of liquor, this Court is of the opinion that the present is a fit case where the applicant can be enlarged on bail. Accordingly, the application is allowed.

(6) Accused/applicant -**Santosh Ramteke** is directed to be released on bail on his executing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.20,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the trial Court. He is directed to appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

Certified copy, as per rules.

Sd/-

(P. Sam Koshy)  
V. Judge

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