

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 2938 of 2016

Jethu Sonwani, S/o Shri Bhikham Sonwani, Aged About 34 Years, R/O Village Bharengabhatha, Police Station & Tahsil Abhanpur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

---- Applicant

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Abhanpur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondent

For Applicant : Mr. C.R. Sahu, Advocate

For Respondent/State : Ms. Shobha Kashyap, Govt. Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order On Board

16/06/2016

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. 300/2015 registered at Police Station- Abhanpur, District – Raipur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
2. The prosecution alleges that the applicant was found to be in possession of illicit liquor measuring about 13.320 bulk liters and he was arrested on 03.11.2015.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has falsely been implicated in this case and he is in jail since 03.11.2015 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 13.320 bulk liters; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicant is in jail since 03.11.2015, 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.
8. Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Goutam Bhaduri)
Judge