

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 5385 of 2016

Gatharam Sahu, S/o. Shri Gendlal Sahu, aged about 33 years, R/o. Village Urmal, Thana Devbhog, Revenue District Gariyaband, Civil District Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

---- Applicant

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Station Devbhog, District Gariyaband, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondent

For Applicant	:	Mr. Sumit Shrivastava, Advocate
For Respondent/State	:	Mr. Vinod Tekam, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order On Board

14/09/2016

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. 172/2016 registered at – Police Station – Devbhog, District- Gariyaband (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 5.760 bulk liters and he was arrested on 04.08.2016.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has falsely been implicated in this case and the applicant is in jail since 04.08.2016, 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 5.760 bulk liters; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicant is in jail since 04.08.2016, 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