

**NAFR**

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**

**MCRC No. 5640 of 2016**

Dev Kumar Sahu, S/o Shri Chandrika Sahu, Aged About 28 Years R/o  
Village Doma, Police Station Mujgahan (Sejbahar), Tehsil Raipur, Distt.  
Raipur, Chhattisgarh **---- Applicant**

**Versus**

State of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Mujgahan, Dist. Raipur,  
Chhattisgarh **---- Respondent**

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For Applicant : Mr. Akhilesh Kumar, Advocate

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

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**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. 104/2016 registered at – Police Station – Mujgahan, 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 5.400 bulk liters and he was arrested on 20.08.2016.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has falsely been implicated in this case and the applicant is in jail since 20.08.2016, 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 5.400 bulk liters; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicant is in jail since 20.08.2016, 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**