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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 6655 of 2016

- Lekhram Khute S/o Choliram Khute Aged About 50 Years R/o. Village - Khamhariya, Thana - Lalpur, Revenue District - Mungeli, Civil District - Bilaspur Chhattisgarh

---- Petitioner

Versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Excise Officer, Excise Circle Mungeli, District Mungeli Chhattisgarh

---- Respondent

For Applicant : Mr. Sunil Sahu, Advocate

For Respondent/State : Mr. Wasim Miyan, Panel Lawyer

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Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order on Board

26-10-2016

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 on 26-9-2016 in connection with Crime No. 373 of 2016, registered at Police Station Excise Circle Mungeli, District Mungeli (CG) for the offence punishable under Sections 34(1)(A), 34(2) & 59(A) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
2. As per prosecution case, when a raid was conducted by the police party, the applicant was found in possession of illicit liquor measuring about 8 liters, the same was seized from him and thereby the aforesaid offence was committed.
3. Learned counsel appearing for the applicant would submit that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the case, he is in jail since 26-9-2016, charge-sheet in this case has been filed and no further investigation is required, therefore, he may be released on bail.

4. On the other hand, 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. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have also perused the case diary and the documents.
6. Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances and the fact that the quantity of seized liquor is 8 liters, offence is triable by the JMFC, charge-sheet in this case has been filed and the applicant is in jail since 26-9-2016, this court is inclined to release the applicant on bail.
7. Accordingly, the bail application filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. is allowed and it is directed that the applicant shall be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/remand Court for his appearance as and when directed.

Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Goutam Bhaduri)
Judge

Raju