

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

M.CR.C. No. 7156 of 2016

1. Purshottam, S/o. Devlal Sarthi, aged about 30 years.
2. Umesh, S/o. Ramlal Dhruw, aged about 28 years,
Both are resident of village Keshwa, Police Station Mahasamund, Tahsil
and District- Mahasamund (C.G.)

---- Applicants

Versus

The State of Chhattisgarh, Through : Station House Officer, Police Station –
Mahasamund, District – Mahasamund (C.G.)

---- Respondent

For Applicants	:	Mr. Vikash Pradhan, Advocate
For Respondent	:	Mr. Vivek Singhal, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri
Order On Board

17/11/2016

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the applicants who have been arrested in connection with Crime No. 518/2016, registered at Police Station- Mahasamund, District – Mahasamund (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
2. The prosecution alleges that the applicants were found to be in possession of illicit liquor measuring about 20.88 liters and they were arrested on 14.10.2016.
3. Learned counsel for the applicants submits that the applicants have falsely been implicated in this case and they are in jail since 14.10.2016; therefore, they 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 applicants have 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 20.88 liters; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicants are in jail since 14.10.2016, this Court is inclined to release the applicants on bail.
6. Accordingly, the bail application filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. is allowed.
7. It is directed that the applicants shall be released on bail on furnishing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety each in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, for their appearance as and when directed.
8. Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Goutam Bhaduri)
Judge