

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 7574 of 2016

- Ritesh Agrawal S/o Shri Mukund Bihari Agrawal, Aged About 34 Years R/o Dawda Colony, Laxmi Nagar, Raipur, Tehsil & District Raipur, Chhattisgarh. --- **Applicant**

Versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through Excise Sub Inspector (Circle) Civil Line, Raipur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh. --- **Respondent**

For the applicant	: Mr. Pushkar Sinha, Advocate
For the Respondent	: Mr. Wasim Miyan, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order on Board

29.11.2016

1. This is an application filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking grant of regular bail to the applicant in connection with Crime No. 396/2016 registered at P.S. Excise Circle Civil Line, Raipur (C.G) for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
2. The prosecution alleges that when a raid/inspection was conducted by the Police, 17.280 bulk litres of illegal liquor was seized from the possession of the applicant.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in this case as no seizure was made in person from him. He further submits that the applicant is in jail since 27.10.2016 and the alleged seizure having been made, no further investigation is necessary, therefore, he may be enlarged on bail.
4. Per contra, learned State Counsel opposes the bail application. However, he is not able to show that earlier any case of similar nature u/s 34(2) of the Excise Act was

registered against the applicant.

5. Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances and the fact that the quantity of seized liquor in this case is only 17.280 bulk litres; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicant is in jail since 27.10.2016 this Court is inclined to release him on bail. Accordingly, this application is allowed.
6. The applicant is directed to be released on bail on his executing a personal bond in sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court. He shall also appear before the said Court as and when directed by the said Court.

C.c. as per rules.

Sd/-
GOUTAM BHADURI
JUDGE