

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

M.CR.C. No. 957 of 2017

Santosh, S/o. Firatu Ram Ratre, Aged About 25 Years, R/o. Village Pakrid, Chowki Baya, Police Station Devri, Tahsil Kasdol, District Baloda Bazar- Bhatapara, Chhattisgarh. .

---- Applicant

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh, Through Station House Office, Police Station -Raja Devri, Chowki Baya, District Baloda Bazar- Bhatapara, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondent

For Applicant	:	Mr. S.K. Guha, Advocate
For Respondent	:	Mr. Ashutosh Pandey, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy
Order On Board

23/02/2017

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. 07/2017, registered at Police Station- Baya, District – Baloda Bazar – Bhatapara (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34 (2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
2. As per prosecution case, the applicant was found to be in possession of illicit liquor measuring about 6.30 liters and he was arrested on 23.01.2017.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has falsely been implicated in this case and he is in jail since 23.01.2017; 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 6.30 liters; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicant is in jail since 23.01.2017, 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.

Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(P. Sam Koshy)
Judge