

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

M.CR.C. No. 1472 of 2017

Pawan Malhotra, S/o. Ramadhar Malhotra, Aged About 32 Years, R/o. Village- Arand, Police Station & Post Office- Rajim, District -Gariyaband Chhattisgarh.

---- Applicant

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh, Through : Station House Officer, Police Station- Rajim, District- Gariyaband, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondent

For Applicant : Mr. Shivendu Pandya, Advocate
For Respondent : Mr. Samir Behar, Penal Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri
Order On Board

21/03/2017

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.02/2017, registered at Police Station- Rajim, District – Gariyaband (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 8.82 liters and he was arrested on 08.02.2017.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has falsely been implicated in this case and he is in jail since 08.02.2017; 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 8.82 liters; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicant is in jail since 08.02.2017, 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/-
(Goutam Bhaduri)
Judge