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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 5792 of 2017

- Neeraj Kumar Sahu S/o Shri Baldau Sahu, Aged About 20 Years, R/o Village Patora, P.S. Utai, Tehsil Patan District Durg, Chhattisgarh

---- Applicant

Versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Utai Durg, District Magistrate District Durg, Chhattisgarh

---- Non-applicant

For Applicant – Shri Avinash Chand Sahu, Advocate.

For Non-applicant/State – Shri U.K.S.Chandel, Panel Lawyer.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Chandra Bhushan Bajpai

Order on Board

25-09-2017

1. Heard the matter finally.
2. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that the applicant held arrested in connection with Crime No.220/2017 on 07-07-2017 by P.S. Utai Durg, Chhattisgarh for the offence under Section 34(2) of the C.G. Excise Act, 1915 (in short 'the Act, 1915'). After investigation police had filed the charge sheet, which is presently pending before the JMFC Patan, Distt. Durg, C.G. as Criminal Case No.276/2017. Learned counsel for the applicant would further submit that the applicant is first offender, he will not commit any offence in future and as per the allegation, from the applicant 5.400 bulk liter country liquor has been seized. He may be granted bail during trial.
3. Per contra, learned counsel for the non-applicant/State opposed the argument advanced on behalf of the applicant on the basis of quantity of liquor so seized and further submitted that against the applicant Crime No.203/2017 under Section 34(1)(a) of the Act, 1915 has been registered. Hence, the instant MCRC may be dismissed.
4. Perused the entire material.

5. As the applicant is in custody since 2 months and 18 days till date, charge sheet has been filed, trial may take some time, the applicant is first offender, though earlier one matter has been registered against the applicant, but the said matter was bailable one, after consideration of the entire facts, I am inclined to grant one opportunity to the applicant so that he shall not involve himself in any offence and shall live peacefully in society. Consequently, the instant MCRC is hereby allowed. The applicant is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one solvent surety of the like sum to the satisfaction of the Judicial Magistrate First Class Patan, District Durg, C.G. for his appearance before the said Court as and when directed till trial.

6. It is made clear that this order granting bail to the applicant shall stand cancelled automatically without reference to the Bench by the Court below if (i) the trial Court finds that the applicant suppressed filing or pendency of any other application for grant of bail before this Court or the Hon'ble Apex Court intentionally; (ii) the applicant does not cooperate in the trial; (iii) the applicant is found to be involved in any offence of the like nature; and (iv) the trial Court finds that the applicant remains absent without any sufficient and cogent reason. If bail is cancelled automatically in view of above, the Court below may proceed further under the provisions of law under intimation.

7. Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Chandra Bhushan Bajpai)
Judge