

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

M.CR.C. No. 147 of 2017

Santosh Kumar @ Santu Batta, aged 36 years, S/o. Bhagwandas Batta, R/o. Bajarang Ward, Bhatapara, P.S. - Bhatapara (City), District – Baloda – Bazar- Bhatapara (C.G.)

---- Applicant

Versus

The State of Chhattisgarh, Through : Station House Officer, P.S. - Bhatapara (City), District – Baloda Bazar- Bhatapara (C.G.)

---- Respondent

For Applicant	:	Mr. Hemant Gupta, Advocate
For Respondent	:	Mr. Vivek Singhal, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri
Order On Board

24/01/2017

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. 290/2016, registered at Police Station- Bhatapara (City), District – Baloda Bazar - Bhatapara (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 5.76 liters and he was arrested on 09.12.2016.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has falsely been implicated in this case and he is in jail since 09.12.2016; 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 5.76 liters; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicant is in jail since 09.12.2016, 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.
8. Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Goutam Bhaduri)
Judge