

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

M.CR.C. No. 1117 of 2017

Ravi Sonwani, S/o. Falit Sonwani, Aged About 29 Years, R/o Village- Risda, Police Station - City Kotwali, Balodabazar, District- Balodabazar- Bhatapara (Chhattisgarh).

---- Applicant

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh, Through- Station House Officer, Police Station-City Kotwali, Balodabazar, District Balodabazar- Bhatapara, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondent

For Applicant	:	Mr. A.S. Rajput, Advocate
For Respondent	:	Mr. U.K.S. Chandel, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri
Order On Board

06/03/2017

1. This is the second 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.546/2016, registered at Police Station- City Kotwali, Balodabazar, District – Balodabazar – Bhatapara (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34 (2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act. The first bail application was dismissed as withdrawn with liberty to repeat the same after examination of the seizure witnesses vide order dated 24.01.2017.
2. Case of the prosecution in brief is that on 16.12.2016 on a raid being conducted, from the possession of the applicant and the other co-accused from the vehicle 25.20 liters of liquor was seized. Thereby the offence is committed.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that this is second bail application. The first bail application was dismissed as withdrawn with liberty to repeat the same after examination of the seizure witnesses

and the seizure witnesses namely Umend Ram Sahu and Rajesh Awasthi have been examined and they have not supported the case of the prosecution; therefore, the applicant may be released on bail.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail, however, he do not dispute the fact that seizure witnesses have been examined and they have not supported the case of the prosecution.
5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and further considering the fact that seizure witnesses have been examined and they have not supported the case of the prosecution, 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