

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**M.CR.C. No. 1425 of 2018**

Manoj Kumar Pankaj, S/o. Shri Babulal Pankaj, Aged About 27 Years, R/o.-
Village- Mohatara, Police Station- Gidhouri, District- Baloda Bazar-
Bhathapara, Chhattisgarh.

---- Applicant**Versus**

State of Chhattisgarh, Through- Station House Officer, Police Station-
Gidhouri, District- Baloda Bazar- Bhathapara, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondent

For Applicant : Mr. Yogesh Kumar Chandra, Advocate
For Respondent : Mr. Neeraj Mehta, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rajendra Chandra Singh Samant**Order On Board****06/03/2018**

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.35/2018, registered at Police Station- Gidhouri, 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 6.500 bulk liters and he was arrested on 28.01.2018.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has falsely been implicated in this case and he is in jail since 28.01.2018;

therefore, he may be released on bail.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail and would submit that as per the information received from the concerned SHO, one case of preventive nature under the provisions of Criminal Procedure Code has been registered against this applicant.
5. Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances and the fact that the quantity of seized liquor is 6.500 bulk liters; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicant is in jail since 28.01.2018, 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 as per rules.

Sd/-
(Rajendra Chandra Singh Samant)
Judge