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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**M.Cr.C. No. 2361 of 2018**

1. Deepak Tekwani S/o Late Laxman Das Tekwani Aged About 50 Years R/o- Kasturba Nagar, Bilaspur, Tahsil And District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh., District : Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
2. Anand Bajrani S/o Shri Goral Das Bajrani Aged About 58 Years R/o- Mandir Chowk, Jarhabhata, Sindhi Colony, Bilaspur, Tahsil And District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh., District : Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
3. Raj Chetani S/o Late Dilip Chetani Aged About 28 Years R/o- Mandir Chowk, Jarhabhata, Sindhi Colony, Bilaspur, Tahsil And District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh., District : Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh

---- Applicants**Versus**

State Of Chhattisgarh Through- Police Station Takhatpur, District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh., District : Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondent

For the Applicants : Shri Jitendra Nande, Advocate.
For the Respondent/State : Shri Anupam Dubey, Dy. G.A.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rajendra Chandra Singh Samant**ORDER****03.04.2018**

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail to the applicants who have been arrested in connection with Crime No.103 of 2018, registered at Police Station Takhatpur, District – Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.

2. The prosecution alleges that the applicants were found to be in possession of illicit liquor measuring about 6 bulk liters and they were arrested on 21.3.2018.

3. Learned counsel for the applicants submits that the applicants are in jail since 21.3.2018 and the applicants have been falsely implicated in this case; therefore, they may be released on bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for grant of bail, however, they would submit that as per the information received from the concerned SHO, the applicants have 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 6 bulk liters; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicants are in jail since 21.3.2018, this Court is inclined to release the applicants on bail.

6. Accordingly, the bail application filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. is allowed.

7. It is directed that the applicants shall be released on bail on each of them furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, for their appearance as and when directed.

8. Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-

(Rajendra Chandra Singh Samant)
Judge