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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MISC. CRIMINAL CASE NO. 2817 OF 2018

Shatrujeet Singh, aged 33 years, S/o Shri Lingraj Dadsena, R/o Village Gamhariguda, P.S. Sonapali, District Nuapada (Orissa), at present Panchsheel Nagar, Charaunda, Bhilai (C.G.) in the house of Shasire Khan.

... Applicant

versus

State of Chhattisgarh, through the Police Station Arjuni, District Dhamtari (C.G.)

... Respondent

For Applicant	:	Mr. Ritesh Verma, Advocate.
For Respondent-State	:	Mr. Lav Sharma, Panel Lawyer.

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy

Order on Board

19/04/2018

1. The present is a repeat application filed under Section 439 of CrPC seeking for grant of bail to the Applicant who is in jail since 1.6.2017 in connection with Crime No. 147/2017 registered at Police Station- Arjuni, District- Dhamtari, for the offence punishable under Section 20(B) of the NDPS Act.
2. The earlier bail application stood dismissed as withdrawn on 24.11.2017.
3. Learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that all the witnesses have since been examined before the Trial Court and that there is no substantial evidence which the prosecution could bring before the Court below and therefore the Applicant may be released on bail. He also prayed for grant of bail on account of ill-health of father-in-law of the Applicant.
4. Learned Counsel for the State however opposes the bail application on the ground of gravity of the charges levelled, particularly the quantity of contraband seized from the possession of the Applicant.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly the fact that all the witnesses have been examined before the Court below and the only proceeding left is for final hearing and judgment, it would not be justified at this juncture to consider the bail application when the case itself is at the fag-end of the trial.

6. Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case, this Court does not find any strong case made out for grant of bail at this juncture.

7. The application for grant of bail stands accordingly rejected. However, the Court below is directed to ensure that the trial be concluded at the earliest.

Sd/-
(P. Sam Koshy)
Judge