

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

M.Cr.C. No.4072 of 2018

- Jageshwar Sahu S/o Shri Rooplal Sahu, Aged About 31 Years Caste Teli, R/o. Village Kanhargaon, Dongargarh, District Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh.

---- Applicant

Versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through Excise Sub Inspector, Circle Dongargarh, District Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)

-----Respondent

For Applicant : Shri SS Baghel and Shri Keshav Nande, Advocates.

For Respondent/State : Shri Ravindra Agrawal, Govt. Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sharad Kumar Gupta

Order On Board

12.6.2018

This is first bail application under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. preferred by the applicant before this Court and no other bail application is pending before any other Court.

2. Perused the case diary provided by the learned counsel for the State in connection with Crime No.23/2018 (wrongly mentioned as 123/2018 in the bail order of the lower Court and in the memo of appeal) registered at Police Station Excise Circle Dongargarh, Distt. Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh) for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act, 1915.

3. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 27.5.2018 at about 15.00 hours, Excise Sub Inspector, Dongargarh conducted test purchase at country liquor shop of Mudipar and found that applicant Jageshwar Sahu, Supervisor along with Sales Man Rakesh Verma and Security Guard M. Var Prasad had sold 9.00 bulk liters of country liquor exceeding the limit of

5 liters and exceeding the fixed price.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case, therefore, he may be released on bail.

5. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application.

6. Looking to these circumstances and other facts of the case, offence is triable by Judicial Magistrate First Class, looking to the fact that there is no likelihood of the accused/applicant to abscond and tamper the evidence, the trial will take its own time, applicant is in custody since 27.5.2018, this Court is inclined to give benefit of Section 439 of the CrPC to the present applicant.

7. Consequently, the bail application is allowed.

8. It is directed that if the applicant furnishes one solvent surety for a sum of Rs.10,000/- along with a personal bond in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court with the condition that he will appear before the Trial Court at 11.00 am as and when directed till trial and will cooperate during the trial, he shall be released on bail.

Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Sharad Kumar Gupta)
Vacation Judge