

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**M.CR.C. No. 4720 of 2018**

Shankar Gouraha S/o Suresh Gouraha Aged About 19 Years R/o Atal Awas,
House No. L-1, Police Station Sarkanda, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.

---- Applicant

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Station
Sarkanda, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh.

----- Respondent

For Applicant : Ms. Nirupama Bajpai, Advocate
For Respondent : Mrs. Smita Ghai, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rajendra Chandra Singh Samant

Order On Board**16/07/2018**

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.439/2018, registered at Police Station- Sarkanda, District – Bilaspur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34 (2), 59 (A) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
2. The prosecution alleges that the applicant was found to be in possession of illicit liquor measuring about 6 bulk liters and he was arrested on 17.06.2018.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has falsely been implicated in this case and he is in jail since 17.06.2018; therefore, he may be released on bail.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail, however, he would submit that as per the information received from the concerned SHO, 9 previous prosecution under Indian Penal Code are registered against the applicant. Therefore, he may not be released on bail.
5. In reply, it is submitted that the applicant was on bail in all the previous cases registered against him.
6. 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 applicant is in jail since 17.06.2018, this Court is inclined to release the applicant on bail.
7. Accordingly, the bail application filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. is allowed.
8. 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.

Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Rajendra Chandra Singh Samant)
Judge