

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**M.CR.C. No. 5790 of 2018**

Jagatram Bhardwaj S/o Chandram Bhardwaj Aged About 40 Years R/o-
Village Harnadadar, Thana And Tahsil Bagbahara, District- Mahasamund,
Chhattisgarh.

---- Applicant**Versus**

State Of Chhattisgarh, Through- Station House Officer, Police Station-
Bagbahara, District- Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondent

For Applicant	:	Mr. Vikash Pradhan, Advocate
For Respondent	:	Mrs. Smita Ghai, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rajendra Chandra Singh Samant**Order On Board****17/08/2018**

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. 157/2018, registered at Police Station- Bagbahara, District – Mahasamund (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 16 liters and he was arrested on 01.08.2018.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has falsely been implicated in this case and he is in jail since 01.08.2018; 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, one previous preventive proceeding under the provisions of Cr.P.C. is registered against the applicant. Therefore, he may not be released on bail.
5. Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances and the fact that the quantity of seized liquor is 16 liters; offence is triable by the JMFC and the applicant is in jail since 01.08.2018, 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.

Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Rajendra Chandra Singh Samant)
Judge