

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**MCRC No. 2568 of 2019**

- Kumbhkaran, S/o Rameshar, Caste Gond, aged about 58 years, R/o Village Sirrabhatha, P.S. Gunderdehi, District- Balod, (.C.G.).

---- Applicant**Versus**

- State of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Station- Gunderdehi, District- Balod, (.C.G.).

---- Respondent

For Applicant	: Shri Kapil Maini, Advocate.
For Respondent/State	: Shri V.K. Agrawal, Panel Lawyer.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Arvind Singh Chandel
Order On Board

22/04/2019

1. The Applicant has preferred this first bail application under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail as he is arrested in connection with crime No. 123/2019, registered at Police Station – Gunderdehi, District - Balod, (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34 (2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
2. As per the prosecution story, on 01.04.2019, on the basis of information received from an informant, police personnels searched Applicant and total 5.460 bulk litres of country-made liquor has been seized from his possession and he has been arrested on 01.04.2019.
3. Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the Applicant submits that the Applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case. He further submits that charge-sheet has been filed, Applicant has no criminal antecedent, he is in custody since 01.04.2019 and trial will take some time. Therefore, he may be released on bail.
4. Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State opposes

the bail application.

5. I have heard learned Counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.
6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the evidence collected by the prosecution and further considering the fact that the Applicant has no criminal antecedent, he is in custody since 01.04.2019 and trial is likely to take some time, without further commenting on merits of the case, I am inclined to release him on bail.
7. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed.
8. It is directed that the Applicant shall be released on bail on executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs. 20,000/- with one solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court for his appearance before the said Court as and when directed.

Sd/-
(Arvind Singh Chandel)
Judge