

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 2588 of 2019

- Rupesh Kumar Meshram S/o Late Rajesh Meshram Aged About 27 Years R/o Harnabandha, Behind Shrishivam Durg, Distict- Durg, Chhattisgarh

---- Applicant

Versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through District Magistrate Durg, District- Durg, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondent

For Applicant	: Shri Navin Shukla, Advocate.
For Respondent/State	: Shri VK 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. 134/2019, registered at Police Station – Kotwali, District- Durg (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34 (2) of the CG Excise Act.
2. As per the prosecution story, on 15.02.2019, on the basis of information received from an informant, police officials searched the applicant and total 8.640 liters of country made liquor has been seized from his possession and he has been arrested on 15.02.2019 itself.
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 the Applicant has no criminal antecedent, he is in custody since 15.02.2019, charge-sheet has already been filed 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 with due care.
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 15.02.2019, charge-sheet has already been filed and trial is likely to take some time, without further commenting on merits of the case, I am inclined to release the applicant 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. 25,000/- with one local solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the Trial Court for his appearance before the said Court as and when directed.

**Sd/-
(Arvind Singh Chandel)
Judge**