

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**MCRC No. 9860 of 2018**

- Puranjay Verma S/o Sawant Ram Verma Aged About 38 Years R/o Village Dakachaka, P. S. Pathariya, District Mungeli Chhattisgarh.

---- Applicant**Versus**

- State of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Station Vidhansabha District Raipur Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondent

For Applicant	: Shri Ashutosh Pandey, Advocate.
For Respondent/State	: Shri Bhaskar Payashi, P.L.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Arvind Singh Chandel
Order On Board

10/01/2019

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. 419/2018, registered at Police Station – Vidhansabha, District- Raipur, (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
2. As per the prosecution story, on 19.11.2018, on the basis of information received from an informant, Executive Magistrate of Vidhan Sabha area searched the crusher plant, owned by M.E. Reddy (co-accused) situated at village Dondekala and seized total 328 bulk liters of country-made liquor from that crusher plant. At the time of incident, present Applicant was present there. The Applicant has been arrested on 19.11.2018.
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 is the watchman of the said crusher plant and M.N. Reddy is the main accused. He also submits that the

Applicant has no criminal antecedent, he is in custody since 19.11.2018 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.
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 19.11.2018 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 Trial Court for his appearance before the said Court as and when directed.

Sd/-
(Arvind Singh Chandel)
Judge