

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR**MCRC No. 1561 of 2020**

Kundal Singh Shori S/o Balsingh Shori, Aged about 50 years, Caste Gond, R/o Village Hatka Charama, Police Station and Tahsil Narharpur, District North Bastar Kanker, Chhattisgarh.

---Applicant

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Forest Range Officer, Range Narharpur, District Kanker, Chhattisgarh.

--- Non-applicant/State

For Applicant :- Mr. Amit Kumar Sahu, Advocate
For State :- Mr. Vikram Sharma, Dy. G.A.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal
Order on Board

14/05/2020

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail to the applicant who has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 14774/13, registered at Police Station – Forest Range Officer, Ranger Narharpur, District Kanker (CG), for the offence punishable under Sections 2/51, 9/51, 39/51, 43/51, 44/51, 48(A)/51, 49(B)/51, 50/51 of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the applicant and eight other co-accused persons hunted a tiger and were found in possession of the tiger pelt and thereby, committed the aforesaid offence.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that the applicant has not committed any offence and he has falsely been implicated in the crime in question as there is no allegation of killing or hunting the tiger on the present applicant and moreover, other eight co-accused persons have already been released on bail. He would further submit that the applicant is in jail since 18/12/2019.
4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State would oppose the bail application.
5. I have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.
6. Taking into consideration the facts & circumstances of the case, nature & gravity of the offence, role of the present applicant and pre-trial detention of the applicant and looking to the fact that other eight co-accused persons have already been released on bail, this Court is of the opinion that the present is a fit case wherein the applicant should be enlarged on regular bail.

7. Accordingly, the bail application filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. is allowed.
8. It is directed that the applicant shall be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in the 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.
9. It is made clear that if the applicant has already been released on bail pursuant to the bail bonds already furnished in view of the order passed by the High Power Committee constituted in compliance of the order of the Supreme Court of India dated 23/03/2020 in the matter of **In Re : Contagion of COVID 19 Virus in Prisons** (Suo Moto Writ Petition (c) No. 1/2020), he need not furnish bail bonds afresh and the bail bonds already furnished shall be deemed to be the bail bonds furnished in compliance of the order of this Court, but if he has not furnished the bail bonds earlier, then he will be required to furnish bail bonds within four weeks from today.
10. Certified copy, as per rules.

Sd/-
(Sanjay K. Agrawal)
Judge