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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**MCRC No. 1821 of 2020**

- Akash Sonkar S/o late Natthulal Sonkar, aged about 24 years, R/o Near Kodu Hotel Kumharpura Karbala, Bilaspur, P.S. City Kotwali, Tahsil and District Bilaspur (C.G.)

---- Petitioner**Versus**

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through : The Police Station City Kotwali, District Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh

---- Respondent

For Applicant	:	Shri P.K. Tulsyan, Advocate
For Respondent	:	Shri Sameer Sharma, Dy. G.A.

Hon'ble Smt Justice Rajani Dubey**Order on Board****09/06/2020**

1. The applicant has preferred this first bail application under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail as he is arrested in connection with Crime No.107/2019, registered at Police Station - City Kotwali, District Bilaspur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 436 IPC.
2. The allegation against the present applicant is that he set the house of complainant/victim on fire due to some old dispute. Based on this, offence has been registered. The present applicant has been taken into custody on 13.02.2020.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case. He further submits that the complainant is relative of applicant as mother-in-law but dispute is that the present applicant got married with the daughter of the complainant without consent of her mother which resulted filing of FIR. Learned counsel also submits that only door and curtain were set on fire. He also submits that the applicant is in custody since

13.02.2020, charge sheet has been filed and there is no likelihood of his case being decided in near future. Therefore, he may be released on bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposed the bail application.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.
6. Considering the totality of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of offence, and further considering the fact that the applicant is in custody since 13.02.2020, charge sheet has been filed and the 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 his executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- 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, till the disposal of trial.
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.

Certified copy, as per rules.

Sd/-
(Rajani Dubey)
Judge