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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 2862 of 2020

- Trilochan Patnayak S/o Purjanlal Patnayak Aged About 34 Years
R/o Village Basanpali, Thana And Tahsil Tamnar, District
Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

---- Applicant

Versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Punjipathara,
District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh

---- Respondent

For Applicant	: Shri Sanjay Agrawal, Advocate
For Respondent/State	: Shri Dinesh Tiwari, Dy.GA

Hon'ble Smt. Justice Rajani Dubey

Order On Board

01/06/2020

The applicant has filed this application under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail as he is in custody in connection with Crime No. 12/2020 registered at police station Punjipathara, district Raigarh (CG) for the offence punishable under Sections 467,468,120(B) and 420/34 IPC.

As per prosecution case, report was lodged by the complainant alleging that the applicant along with two accused persons have changed the numberplate of the trailer and illegally transported 71 metric tonnes of coal amounting to Rs. 1,84,000 from Jampali coal mines.

Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the case. He submits that similarly placed co-accused have been granted bail by this Court in M.Cr.C. No. 2678/2020 vide order dated 15.05.2020 and M.Cr.C. No. 1712/2020 vide order dated 15.05.2020 and therefore the present applicant may also be granted similar benefit. He further submits that the applicant is in jail since 13.05.2020 and looking to the conduct of the prosecution it is clear that the trial will take time for its conclusion.

On the other hand counsel for the State opposes the bail application.

Having heard counsel for the parties, considered the totality of the fact, in particular the detention period of the applicant, I am inclined to release him on regular bail. Accordingly, his application filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure is allowed.

It is directed that in the event of the applicant's furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs. 50,000/- with one surety for the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned Court, he shall be released on bail.

It is made clear that if the applicant has already been released on bail pursuant to the bail bonds already furnishing 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.

Sd/-
(Rajani Dubey)
Judge

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