

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

M.Cr.C.No.3832 of 2020

- Sunil Lakda, S/o Juel Lakda, Aged About 29 Years R/o Muktipara, New Mahima Gali, Ambikapur, District Surguja Chhattisgarh.

---- Applicant

Versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh, Through - The Station House Officer, Police Station Gandhi Nagar, District Surguja Chhattisgarh.,

---Non-applicant

For Applicant :Mr. VK Pandey, Advocate

For Non-applicant :Ms. Veena Nair, Dy. Advocate General

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal

Order on Board

29/06/2020

1. Proceedings of this matter have been taken up through Video Conferencing.
2. The accused/applicant has moved this bail application under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for release of him on regular bail during trial in connection with Crime No. 194 of 2019, registered at Police Station Gandhi Nagar, Distt. Surguja (CG) for the offence punishable under Section 22(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.
3. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that, 24.6 gm. Brown sugar

recovered from the possession of four accused persons, out of which, 6.7 gm Brown sugar was recovered from the present applicant and thereby committed the aforesaid offence.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has not committed any offence and he has falsely been implicated in crime in question. He is in jail since 25.8.2019 and trial is likely to take time for its conclusion.

5. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application.

6. I have heard counsel appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.

7. Taking into consideration the facts & circumstances of the case, nature and gravity of offence, pre-trial detention of the applicant and considering that narcotic drug recovered from the applicant is slightly more than small quantity, i.e. 6.7gm but less than commercial quantity, this Court is of the opinion that present is a fit case, in which, the applicant should be enlarged on regular bail.

8. Accordingly, the bail application filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. is allowed.

9. It is directed that the applicant shall be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in the sum of ₹ 25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, for his

appearance as and when directed.

10. 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 23.3.2020 in the matter of In **Re : Contagion of COVID 19 Virus in Prisons** (Suo Motu 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 bail bonds earlier, then he will be required to furnish bail bonds.

Sd/-
(Sanjay K. Agrawal)
JUDGE