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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**M.Cr.C.No.5102 of 2020**

Lakeshwar Bhoi aged about 23 years, son of late Tularam, R/o. Village Sakari, Police Station Basna, District Mahasamund (CG)

---Applicant**Versus**

State of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Chowki Bhanwarpur, Police Station Basna, District Mahasamund (CG)

---Non-applicant

For Applicant	:	Ms Pushplata Khalkho, Advocate
For Non-applicant	:	Dr.Veena Nair, Dy.A.G.

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

4/9/2020

1. Proceedings of this matter have been taken up through video conferencing.
2. This is an application filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the applicant, who has been arrested in connection with Crime No.340 of 2020, registered at Police Station-Basna, District-Mahasamund (CG), for the offence punishable under Section 20(B) of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substance Act.
3. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the applicant was found in possession of 2 kg of contraband article ganja unauthorizedly and thereby committed the offence.
4. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that the applicant has not committed any offence and he has falsely been implicated in crime in question. He would further submit that the

applicant has been arrested on 21.7.2020 and the trial is likely to take time for its conclusion, therefore, he may be released on regular bail.

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

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

7. Taking into consideration the facts & circumstances of the case, nature & gravity of offence, pre-trial detention of the applicant and quantity of ganja i.e. more than small quantity 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

B/-