

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR**MCRC No.7002 of 2020**

Shalu Verma Rajput, S/o Late Ramesh Rajput, aged about 22 years (not mentioned in rejection order), R/o Village Jarauli Phase-2, P.S. Barra, District Kanpur (U.P.)

---Applicant

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh, Through Station House Officer, Police Station G.R.P. Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.)

--- Non-applicant/State

For Applicant :- Mr. C. R. Sahu, Advocate

For State :- Mr. Jitendra Pali, Dy. A.G.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal

Order on Board

09/11/2020

1. 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.31/2020, registered at Police Station G.R.P. Raipur, District Raipur(C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 20(B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985.

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the present applicant was found in possession of 11.500 kgs of contraband article *ganja* unauthorizedly and without authority of law and thereby committed the aforesaid offence.

3. Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the crime in question as there is no evidence on record to connect the applicant with the crime in question. He further submits that the applicant has been arrested on 29.01.2020 and the trial is likely to take time for its final disposal and, therefore, the applicant may be released on bail.

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

5. Taking into consideration the facts & circumstances of the case, nature & gravity of the offence, pre-trial detention of the applicant and quantity of *ganja* i.e. 11.500 kilograms, which is more than the small quantity but less than the commercial quantity; this Court is of the view that it is a fit case to release the applicant on bail. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed.

6. Accused/applicant is directed to be released on bail on his executing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the

satisfaction of the trial Court. He is directed to appear before the trial Court on each and every date given by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

7. 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.

8. Certified copy by tomorrow.

Sd/-
(Sanjay K. Agrawal)
Judge

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