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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**MCRC No. 953 of 2021**

- Santosh Sahu, S/o Moharlal Sahu, aged about 26 Years, R/o Nakna, Post Tivragudi, Police Station and Tahsil Ramanujnagar, District Surajpur Chhattisgarh.

----Applicant

Versus

- State of Chhattisgarh, Through Excise Circle Ramanujnagar, (Wrongly Mentioned Surajpur), District Surajpur Chhattisgarh.

---Non-applicant

For Applicant
For State

Shri Gyan Prakash Shukla, Advocate.
Shri Vimlesh Bajpai, Government Advocate.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Gautam Chourdiya
Order on Board

09/02/2021

1. Heard on admission.
2. The application is admitted for hearing.
3. With the consent of the parties, the matter is heard finally.
4. The applicant has preferred this application under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. as he is in jail since 20.01.2021 in connection with Crime No.63/2021 registered at Excise Circle Ramanujnagar, District Surajpur, C.G. for the offence punishable under Sections 34(2), 36 & 59(5) of the C.G. Excise Act.
5. Allegation against the applicant is that he was found in illegal possession of 7.2 bulk litres of foreign liquor (*Goa Whisky*).
6. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has

been falsely implicated in this crime, he is languishing in jail since 20.01.2021 and conclusion of trial is likely to take some time. He also submits that the applicant has no criminal antecedent.

7. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application. However, he submits that the applicant has no criminal antecedent.

8. Having heard learned counsel for the parties, having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, considering the quantity of illicit liquor, the detention period of the applicant and the fact that the applicant has no criminal antecedent as admitted by both the counsel and conclusion of trial may take some time, the application is allowed. It is directed that in the event of applicant executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- with two sureties of Rs.25,000/- each to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, he shall be released on bail on the following conditions:-

- (i) he shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such fact to the Court,
- (ii) he shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial, and
- (iii) he shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the trial.
- (iv) he shall not involve himself in any offence of similar nature in future.

Sd/-
Gautam Chourdiya
Judge