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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 2304 of 2021

- Chandu @ Balla, S/o Lakhan Patil, Aged About 45 Years, R/o Village Pahra, At Present Resident of Village Godgiri Chowki Kandarka, Police Station and Tehsil Berla, District- Bemetara, Chhattisgarh. **---- Applicant**

Versus

- State of Chhattisgarh, Through- District Magistrate Bemetara, District- Bemetara, Chhattisgarh. **---- Non-Applicant/State**

For Applicant	:	Mr. Amit Kumar Sahu, Advocate
For Non-Applicant/State	:	Dr. Veena Nair, Dy.A.G.

Hon'ble Justice Shri Gautam Chourdiya

Order on Board

25.03.2021

- 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 First Bail Application under Section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 as he is in jail since 03.10.2020 in connection with Crime No. 398/2020 registered at Police Station Berla, Out Post Kandarka, District - Bemetara (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34 (2) & 36 of C.G. Excise Act.
- 5) Allegation against the applicant is that he was found in illegal possession of 40.500 Ltrs. liquor.
- 6) Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the crime in question, he further submits that co-accused person has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 08.12.2020 in MCRC No. 8426 of 2020, the applicant has no criminal antecedents, there is no likelihood of the applicant tampering with the prosecution

evidence or absconding the applicant has been arrested on 03.10.2020 and trial is likely to take some time for its final disposal. Therefore, the applicant be released on bail by this Court.

- 7) On the other hand, learned counsel for the Non-Applicant/State opposes the bail application and submits that the applicant has no criminal antecedents.
- 8) Having heard learned counsel for the parties, having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the manner in which the liquor was seized from the applicant, considering the quantity of illicit liquor, the detention period of the applicant and the fact that co-accused person has already been granted bail by this Court, the applicant has no criminal antecedents, there is no likelihood of the applicant tampering with the prosecution evidence or absconding as admitted by both the counsels and conclusion of trial may take some time, without commenting anything on merits of the case, the application is allowed.
- 9) It is directed that in the event of the applicant executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties of Rs. 50,000/- each to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court, he shall be released on bail, on following conditions :-
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) he shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial, and
 - (c) he shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the trial.
 - (d) he shall not involve himself in any offence of similar nature in future or else this order granting bail to the applicant shall automatically stand cancelled without further reference to the Bench.

Let a copy of this order be forwarded to the concerned police station forthwith who shall inform the trial Court in the event of applicant involving himself in similar offence in future.

Sd/-

(Gautam Chourdiya)
Judge

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