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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**MCRC No. 3201 of 2021**

- Seeta Devi W/o Late Shri Rameshwar Bharti Aged About 50 Years R/o Village Charpara, Police Station Malkharouda, district Janjgir-Champa (C.G.),

----Applicant

Versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Excise Circle Sakti, District Janjgir -Champa (C.G.),

---- Respondent

For Applicant	: Shri Rajeev Kumar Dubey, Advocate
For Respondent/State	: Shri Vikram Sharma, Dy. GA

Hon'ble Smt. Justice Rajani Dubey**Order On Board By Virtual Hearing****02/06/2021**

The applicant has filed this application under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail as she is in custody in connection with Crime No. 13/2021 registered at police station Excise Circle, Sakti, district Janjgir-Champa (CG) for the offence punishable under Sections 34 (1) (A), 34 (2) and 59(A) of the CG Excise Act.

As per prosecution case, after receiving secret information, the police raided and seized 15 bulk liters of country made liquor and 300 kgs. of *mahua* liquor from the possession of the applicant.

Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the crime in question. He submits that the applicant is in jail since 25.04.2021 and the trial may take some time for its disposal and therefore she be released on bail.

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

Heard counsel for the parties.

Considering the totality of the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular the detention period of the applicant and the fact that as per condition laid down in Section 59-A(ii) of the CG Excise Act 1915 and also the principles of law laid in **Banti singh Vs. State of Chhattisgarh (MCRC No. 6846 of 2014)**, the applicant was found in possession of 15 bulk liters of illicit country made liquor and 300 kgs. *Mahua* liquor which is more than the prescribed limit of 5 bulk liters, but looking to the fact that the applicant is in custody since 25.04.2021, case is triable by Judicial Magistrate First Class, the trial is likely to take some more time and also looking to the gravity of the offence, I am inclined to release her on regular bail. Accordingly, her application filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure is allowed.

It is directed that in the event of the applicants furnishing a personal bond of Rs. 50,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned court for her appearance before it as and when directed, she shall be released on bail subject to the following conditions:

I) That the applicant shall furnish a specific undertaking that while on bail, he/she will not commit any excise offence, otherwise bail granted to him/her shall be liable to be cancelled and shall co-operate the prosecution during trial.

ii) that the accused/applicant shall make himself/herself available for interrogation before the concerned Investigating Officer as and when required and the accused/applicant 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/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.

iii) That the accused/applicant shall not act, in any manner, which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial.

Sd/-

(Rajani Dubey)
Vacation Judge