

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 3334 of 2021

- Jawahir Gond, S/o Shri Narayan Gond, aged about 53 Years, R/o Village Sabariya Dera, Mahant, Police Station Nawagarh, Civil and Revenue District Janjgir Champa, Chhattisgarh.

----Applicant

Versus

- State of Chhattisgarh, Through the Station House Officer, Excise Circle Shivarinarayan, Civil and Revenue District Janjgir Champa, Chhattisgarh.

----Non-applicant

For Applicant	Mr. Paras Mani Shriwas, Advocate.
For State	Ms. Deepti Shukla, Penal Lawyer.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Gautam Chourdiya

Order on Board

27/08/2021

1. The matter is heard through Video Conferencing.
2. The applicant has preferred this first bail application under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. as he has been arrested in connection with Crime No.12/2021 registered at Police Station- Excise Circle Shivarinarayan, District Janjgir-Champa, C.G. for the offence punishable under Sections 34(2) & 59(A) of the C.G. Excise Act.
3. Allegation against the applicant is that he was found in illegal possession of 50 bulk litres of hand made liquor (*Mahuwa*).
4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in this crime. He submits that applicant was arrested on 08.05.2021 and due to COVID-19 pandemic,

conclusion of trial is likely to take some time. Therefore, he may be released on bail.

5. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application. She submits that the applicant has as many as three criminal antecedents for the offence under Sections 34(1)(A) & 34(2) of the C.G. Excise Act bearing Crime Nos. 123/19, 207/19 & 207/18.
6. 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, who is 53 years old and there is no likelihood of the applicant tampering with the evidence or absconding as admitted by both the counsel and due to COVID-19 pandemic, 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.2,00,000/- with two sureties of Rs.1,00,000/- 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 strictly follow the COVID-19 protocol issued by the Central Government / State Government / Local Authority.

- (v) he shall not involve himself in any offence of similar nature in future.

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 any offence in future.

Sd/-
Gautam Chourdiya
Judge

Akhilesh