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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 4140 of 2021

1. Santosh Kannouje S/o Nanhe Lal Kannouje, Aged About 25 Years,
2. Habiya Nayak S/o Late Jhadu Nayak, Aged About 55 Years,

Both are R/o Gram Nayaktand Latuaa, Police Station City Kotwali Balodabazar, District (Revenue And Civil) Balodabazar-Bhatapara (C.G.).

---- Applicants

Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh, Through Police Station City Kotwali, District (Revenue And Civil) Balodabazar-Bhatapara (C.G.).

---- Non-applicant

For Applicants	:	Mr. Sumit Jhavar, Advocate.
For Non-Applicant/State	:	Mr. Ayaz Naved, Govt. Advocate.

Hon'ble Justice Shri Gautam Chourdiya

Order on Board

25/06/2021

- 1) The matter is heard through Video Conferencing.
- 2) Heard on admission.
- 3) The application is admitted for hearing.
- 4) With the consent of the parties, the matter is heard finally.
- 5) The applicants have preferred this First Bail Application under Section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 as they are in jail since 24/04/2021 in connection with Crime No. 252/2021 registered at Police Station City Kotwali, District (Revenue And Civil) Balodabazar-Bhatapara (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
- 6) Allegation against the applicants is that they were found in illegal possession of **42 bulk Ltrs.** of country made liquor (*Mahuwa*).

- 7) Learned counsel for the applicants submit that the applicants are innocent and have been falsely implicated in the case. The applicants were arrested on 24/04/2021. He also submits that the applicants have no criminal antecedents and conclusion of trial is likely to take some time for its disposal. Therefore, the applicants be released on bail by this Court.
- 8) On the other hand, learned counsel for the respondent/State opposes the bail application. However, he submits that the applicants have no criminal antecedents.
- 9) Having heard learned counsel for the parties, having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the detention period of the applicants and the fact that the applicants have no criminal antecedents and there is no apprehension of the applicants tampering with the evidence or absconding as admitted by both the counsel and that conclusion of trial may take some time, the application is **allowed**. It is directed that in the event **each** of the applicants 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, they shall be released on bail on the following conditions:-
 - i. they 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. they shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial, and
 - iii. they shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to them by the said Court till disposal of the trial.
 - iv. they shall strictly follow the COVID-19 protocol issued by the Central Govt./State Govt./Local Authority.
 - v. they shall not involve themselves 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 applicants involving themselves in similar offence in future.

**-Sd/-
(Gautam Chourdiya)
Judge**

Chandrakant