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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

(Proceedings through Video Conferencing)

MCRC No. 4910 of 2021

- Jagdish @ Pukku Gond, S/o Pardeshi Gond, Aged About 36 Years, R/o Dhuripara Mangla, Police Station Civil Line, Bilaspur, District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

---- Applicant

Versus

- State of Chhattisgarh, Through- The Station House Officer, Police Station Civil Line, Bilaspur, District- Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

---- Non-Applicant

For Applicant : Shri Achyut Tiwari, Advocate

For Non-Applicant/State : Shri Rahim Ubwani, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Gautam Chourdiya

Order on Board

09.08.2021

Heard

- 1) The applicant has preferred this First Bail Application under Section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 as he is in jail since 23.06.2021 in connection with Crime No. 604/2021 registered at Police Station- Civil Line, District- Bilaspur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34 (2) of C.G. Excise Act.
- 2) Allegation against the applicant is that he was found in illegal possession of 7.560 bulk ltrs. countrymade liquor.
- 3) Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the crime in question, he further

submits that the applicant has no criminal antecedents under Excise Act, there is no likelihood of the applicant tampering with the prosecution evidence or absconding the applicant has been arrested on 23.06.2021 and due to COVID-19 trial is likely to take some time for its final disposal. Therefore, the applicant be released on bail by this Court.

- 4) On the other hand, learned counsel for the Non-Applicant/State opposes the bail application and submits that the applicant has number of criminal antecedents under different Sections of IPC but the applicant has no criminal antecedent under Excise Act.
- 5) 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, who is 36 years old and the fact that the applicant has no criminal antecedents under Excise Act, there is no likelihood of the applicant tampering with the prosecution evidence or absconding as admitted by both the counsels and due to COVID-19 conclusion of trial may take some time, without commenting anything on merits of the case, the application is allowed.
- 6) It is directed that in the event of the 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 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 similar offence in future.

Sd/-
(Gautam Chourdiya)
Judge

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