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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**MCRC No. 4803 of 2021**

1. Suresh Thakur, S/o Ganpat Thakur, aged about 42 Years,
2. Akshay Kumar Basu, S/o Tirithram Basu, aged about 41 Years,
3. Lakhan Yadav, S/o Ugrasen Yadav, aged about 45 Years,
4. Kartik Ram Yadav, S/o Bhagatram Yadav, aged about 33 Years,

All are Resident of Village Rampur, District Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh.

----Applicants

Versus

- State of Chhattisgarh, Through Station House Officer, Police Station Pithora, District Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh.

----Non-applicant

For Applicants	Ms. Pushplata Khalkho, Advocate.
For State	Mr. Priyanshu Gupta, Panel Lawyer.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Gautam Chourdiya
Order on Board

12/08/2021

1. The applicants have preferred this application under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. as they have been arrested in connection with Crime No.145/2021 registered at Police Station Pithora, District Mahasamund, C.G.for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of the C.G. Excise Act.
2. Allegation against the applicants is that they were found in illegal possession of 250 bulk litres of country made liquor (*Mahuwa*).
3. Learned counsel for the applicants submits that the applicants

have been falsely implicated in this crime, they are languishing in jail since 29.06.2021, they have no criminal antecedents and due to COVID-19 pandemic, conclusion of trial is likely to take some time.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application. However, he submits that the applicants have no criminal antecedents.

5. 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 applicants, who are 42, 41, 45 & 33 years old and the fact that the applicants have no criminal antecedents and there is no likelihood of the applicants 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 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 Government / State Government / 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 any offence in future.

Sd/-
Gautam Chourdiya
Judge

Akhilesh