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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

M.Cr.C. No. 6254 of 2021

- Rajendra Khandekar, S/o Shri Lachhram Khandekar, aged about 28 years, R/o Jhumarpali, P.S. Bhatgaon, District Balodabazar (C.G.)

---- Applicant

Versus

- State of Chhattisgarh, Through District Magistrate, Balodabazar, District Balodabazar (C.G.)

---- State/Non-Applicant

For Applicant	:	Shri Pragalbha Sharma, Advocate
For Non-Applicant/State	:	Shri Priyanshu Gupta, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Gautam Chourdiya, J

Order on Board

16.09.2021

1. The applicant has preferred this first bail application under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. as he is in jail since 29.07.2021 in connection with Crime No. 86/2021 registered in Police Station- Gidhori-Tundra, District Balodabazar (C.G.), for the offence punishable under Section 420/34 of IPC.
2. Allegation against the present applicant is that he alongwith another co-accused fraudulently obtained Rs.1,00,000/- from the complainant on the pretext of providing job of peon in SECL. However, neither any such job was provided nor the money was returned to the complainant.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the crime in question, the applicant has no criminal antecedents, there is no likelihood of the applicant tampering with the prosecution evidence or absconding, he is in jail since 29.07.2021, charge-sheet has already been filed and due to Covid-19 pandemic, 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 no criminal antecedents.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties, having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, considering the nature of allegation made against the present applicant, the detention period of the applicant who is 28 years old, the fact that the applicant has no criminal antecedents, there is no likelihood of the applicant tampering with the prosecution evidence or absconding as admitted by both the counsels, charge-sheet has already been filed and due to Covid-19 pandemic, conclusion of trial may take some time, without commenting anything on merits of the case, the bail application is allowed.
6. 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 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/her 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.
7. 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 nature of offence.

Sd/-
(Gautam Chourdiya)
Judge