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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 7675 of 2021

1. Rajkumar Manjhi S/o Jalesvar Manjhi, Aged About 35 Years, R/o New Khursipar, Ward No. 36, Sangam Chowk, Bhilai Tehsil & District Durg (C.G.)
2. Bhupendra Kumar Kaushik S/o Bisahuram Aged About 30 Years R/o New Khursipar, Bhilai Ward No. 36 Sangam Chowk District Durg (C.G.).

---- Applicants

Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Excise Thana Bhilai Circle 04, Durg (C.G.).

---- Non-applicant

For Applicants	: Mr. Aman Pandey, Advocate.
For Non-Applicant/State	: Ms. Deepti Shukla, P.L.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Gautam Chourdiya

Order on Board

30/09/2021

- 1) Heard on admission.
- 2) The application is admitted for hearing.
- 3) With the consent of the parties, the matter is heard finally.
- 4) The applicants have preferred this First Bail Application under Section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 as they are in jail since 26/08/2021 in connection with Crime No. 44/2021 registered at Excise Thana Bhilai Circle 04, Durg (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 34(2) & 59(A) of Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
- 5) Allegation against the applicants is that they were found in illegal jointly possession of **18 bulk Ltrs.** of country made liquor.
- 6) Learned counsel for the applicants submit that the applicants are innocent and have been falsely implicated in the case. The

applicants were arrested on 26/08/2021. He also submits that the applicants have no criminal antecedents and there is no apprehension of the applicants tampering with the evidence or absconding and conclusion of trial is likely to take some time for its disposal. Therefore, the applicants be released on bail by this Court.

- 7) On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application. However, she submits that the applicants have no criminal antecedents.
- 8) Having heard learned counsel for the parties, having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the detention period of the applicants, who are 35 years and 30 years respectively, the applicants have no criminal antecedents and that there is no apprehension of the applicants tampering with the evidence or absconding as admitted by both the Counsel, offence is triable by Judicial Magistrate First Class and that 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,
 - 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