

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 7691 of 2021

- Sampatlal Khunte, S/o Santram Khunte, Aged about 35 years, Occupation- Labour, R/o Bondatikara, Raigarh, Tehsil & District Raigarh (C.G.).

---- Applicant

Versus

- State of Chhattisgarh, through- Excise Circle, Raigarh, District- District Raigarh (C.G.).

----Non-applicant

For Applicant	Shri Sanjay Agrawal, Advocate.
For State	Dr. (Ms.) Veena Nair, Deputy A.G.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Gautam Chourdiya

Order on Board

30/09/2021

1. The applicant has preferred this first bail application under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. as he has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 36/2021 registered at Police Station- Excise Circle, Raigarh, District- Raigarh, C.G. for the offence punishable under Sections 34(1a), 34(2) & 59(A) of the C.G. Excise Act.
2. Allegation against the applicant is that he was found in illegal possession of 7.560 bulk litres of hand made liquor (*Mahuwa*).
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in this crime. He further submits that the applicant has no criminal antecedents, there is no likelihood of his tampering with the evidence or absconding. The applicant has been arrested on 12.09.2021 and conclusion of trial is likely to take some time for its disposal. Therefore, the applicant may be released on bail.
4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail

application. However, she 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 quantity of illicit liquor, the detention period of the applicant, who is 35 years old and there is no likelihood of the applicant tampering with the evidence or absconding as admitted by both the counsel and conclusion of trial may take some time, the application is allowed. It is directed that in the event of applicant executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties of Rs.50,000/- each to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, he shall be released on bail on the 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 any offence in future.

Sd/-
Gautam Chourdiya
Judge