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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9444 of 2020

1. Sitaram Manjhi S/o Bhakulal, Aged About 38 Years, Caste Manjhi, R/o Village Navadih, Police Station Nagarda, District Janjgir Champa (C.G.).

---- Applicant

Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh, Through District Magistrate Janjgir, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.). Through Police Station Nagarda, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.).

----Non-Applicant

For Applicant	:	Mr. Deepak Kumar Singh, Advocate.
For Respondent/State	:	Mr. C.B. Kesharwani, Panel Lawyer.

Hon'ble Justice Shri Gautam Chourdiya

Order on Board

20/01/2021

- 1) The applicant has preferred this First Bail Application under Section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 as he is in jail since 28/11/2020 in connection with Crime No. 124/2020 registered at Police Station Nagarda, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
- 2) Allegation against the applicant is that he was found in illegal possession of **20** bulk Ltrs. of country made liquor (*Mahuwa*).
- 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 been arrested on 28/11/2020 and trial is likely to take some time for its disposal. He also submits that the applicant has no criminal antecedent. Therefore, the applicant be released on bail by this Court.

- 4) On the other hand, learned counsel for the respondent/State opposes the bail application. He submits that the applicant has no criminal antecedent.
- 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 and the fact that the applicant has no criminal antecedent as admitted by both the counsel and that conclusion of trial may take some time, the application is **allowed**. It is directed that in the event of the applicant executing a personal **bond** for a sum of **Rs. 50,000/-** with two sureties of Rs. 25,000/- 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 not involve himself in any offence of similar nature in future.

-Sd/-
(Gautam Chourdiya)
Judge