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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9830 of 2026

Rahul Kumar Bhardwaj S/o Ramkumar Bhardwaj Aged About 34 Years R/o Deehpara, Sajapali, P.S. Akaltara, District Janjgir Champa Chhattisgarh.

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... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through- Excise Circle, Akaltara, District Janjgir Champa Chhattisgarh. **... Non-Applicant**

For Applicant	**:** Mr. Nishand Basak, Advocate
For Non-Applicant/State	**:** Mr. Akash Agrawal, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

05/11/2026

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant, who has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 151/2026 registered at Police Station / Excise Circle Akaltara, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.) for offences punishable under Sections 34(2) and 59(A) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act, 1915.

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 08.09.2026, during routine patrolling, the Excise Officer searched the bedroom of the applicant's house situated at Deehpara Sajapali and allegedly recovered 165 pouches (200 ml each), total 33 bulk liters of hand-made Mahua liquor.

Consequently, Crime was registered against the applicant for the aforesaid offences, and he was taken into custody.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the alleged crime. It is further submitted that the applicant has no criminal antecedents, the charge-sheet has already been filed before the competent court, and the applicant is languishing in jail since 08.09.2026. The trial is likely to take considerable time for its final conclusion, therefore, the applicant may be enlarged on regular bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel appearing for the State opposes the bail application and submits that illicit liquor 33 bulk liters was seized from the applicant's house; hence, the applicant is not entitled to be released on bail.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary with utmost circumspection.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly considering that the quantity of liquor seized is alleged to be 33 bulk liters; Charge-sheet has already been filed; the applicant has no previous criminal antecedents; the applicant is in judicial custody since 08.09.2026; conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time; without commenting on the merits of the case, this Court is inclined to grant regular bail to the applicant. Accordingly, the bail application is **allowed**.

7. It is directed that in the event of the applicant executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety in the like sum 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 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.

8. The observation made hereinabove is for the purpose of deciding this bail application only, the trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits.

Sd/-

Rakesh Mohan Pandey
JUDGE

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