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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9599 of 2026

Shahid Sarthi @ Pintu S/o Banshi Sarthi Aged About 20 Years R/o Village Dhanangar, Police Station Kotara Road, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh

... Applicant.

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Of Police Station Kotara Road, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh.

--- Respondent

For Applicant : Mr. Shreyansh Tiwari, Advocate.

For Respondent : Ms. Monika Thakur, PL.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

29/10/2026

1. This is 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. 357/2026 registered at Police Station -Kotara Road, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh, for offences punishable under Sections 34(2) & 59(A) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.
2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that acting upon secret information, the police conducted a raid and allegedly seized 50

bulk litres of illicit country-made liquor from the possession of the applicant. On the basis of said seizure, an FIR was registered and the applicant was arrested in connection with the alleged offence.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the crime, the applicant has no previous criminal antecedent, he is a young boy aged about 20 years and is languishing in jail since 21.09.2026 and conclusion of trial is likely to take considerable time, 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 during raid, 50 bulk litres of illicit country-made liquor was seized from the possession of applicant, thus, he may not be granted bail.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.
6. Considering facts and circumstances of the case, submissions of counsel for the parties, nature of offence, quantity of liquor seized from the applicant, particularly the fact that the applicant has no previous criminal antecedents, further considering the period of pre-trial detention of applicant, ie, since 21.09.2026, conclusion of trial will take some time, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court is inclined to release the applicant on bail.
7. Accordingly, the bail 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 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.

Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
Judge

J/-