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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9619 of 2026

Shravan Kumar S/o Baldu Ram Sahu Aged About 25 Years R/o Gram Taraud, Police Station And District Balod Chhattisgarh

... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through S H O Police Station - Doundilohara District Balod Chhattisgarh

... Non-applicant

For Applicant	:	Mr. Aman Tamrakar, Advocate
For Non-applicant	:	Mr. Rohan Shukla, P.L. for the State

(Hon'ble Shri Justice Ravindra Kumar Agrawal, J.)

Order on Board

29/10/2026

1. Present is a second bail application filed by the applicant under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail, as he has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 96/2026 registered at Police Station - Doundilohara, District - Balod for the offence under Section 34(2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.

2. The first bail application of the applicant has been dismissed on merits by this Court vide order dated 17.07.2026 passed in MCRC No. 6390/2026.

3. As per the prosecution story, in brief, it is alleged that on 03.04.2026, the police received secret information that the present applicant was

selling illicit liquor near the paddy market. Acting upon the said information, the police conducted a raid, during which the present applicant was apprehended. It is further alleged that 40 bottles of country-made liquor, each containing 180 ml (totalling 7.200 bulk litres), were recovered from the possession of the present applicant. As the applicant failed to furnish any satisfactory explanation for possessing the said liquor, the police registered the aforesaid FIR against him and seized the recovered liquor, thereafter, the investigation has been completed and charge sheet has been filed.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the applicant would submit that 7.200 bulk liters of country-made liquor has been seized from the applicant on 06.06.2026. The investigation has been completed and charge sheet has been filed. The evidence has not been started yet and will take its own time for final adjudication. He would further submit that though the applicant is having three criminal antecedents, however, in the offence of Crime No.169/2021, he has been acquitted. In the offence of Crime No.366/2022, the matter was compromised before the Lok Adalat and the third offence of Crime No.412/2024 is related with Section 36(f) of Chhattisgarh Excise Act, in which fine has been imposed upon him. Looking to the nature of offence and the period of incarceration, the applicant may be released on bail.

5. On the other hand, learned counsel appearing for the State opposes and have submitted that the first bail application of the applicant has been dismissed on merits and there is no change in circumstance, therefore, he is not entitled to be released on bail.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the

documents annexed with the bail application.

7. Considering the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, the nature of the allegations, the material available on record in the charge-sheet, the fact that the applicant is in jail since 06.06.2026, the charge-sheet has been filed and the offence is triable by a Judicial Magistrate First Class, as well as the fact that the applicant's criminal antecedent relates to an offence under Section 36(f) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act, I am inclined to release the applicant on bail.

8. Accordingly, the second bail application of the present applicant **Shravan Kumar** is **allowed** and it is directed that in the event of arrest of the applicant, on executing a personal bond in the sum of Rs. 25,000/-, with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the arresting Officer, he shall be released on bail on the following conditions:-

(a) 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.

(b) he shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial.

(c) he shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

(d) the applicant and the surety shall submit a copy of their aadhar card alongwith a coloured postcard full size photo having printed the aadhar number on it, which shall be verified by the trial Court.

(e) he shall not involve himself in any offence of similar nature in future.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
JUDGE

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