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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9583 of 2026

Monu Verma S/o Late Nandlal Verma, Aged About 30 Years R/o Village Bhilmi, Police Station Sipat, District Bilaspur, (C.G.). **... Applicant**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through P.S. Sipat, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)

... Non-Applicant

For Applicant	**:**	Ms. Kusum Lalchandani, Advocate
For Non-Applicant/State	**:**	Mr. Vivek Sharma, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

29/10/2026

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. 509/2026 registered at Police Station Sipat, District Bilaspur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) & 59-A of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act, 1915.
2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 19.09.2026, upon receipt of secret information, the police of Police Station Sipat conducted a raid and seized 40 bulk litres of handmade raw country mahua liquor from

the possession of the applicant. Based on the recovery, the applicant was arrested and the aforesaid offence was registered.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the crime. It is submitted that the investigation is complete and the charge-sheet has already been filed before the competent court. The applicant has been in judicial custody since 19.09.2026 and has no previous criminal antecedents. It is further submitted that the trial is likely to take some time to reach a final conclusion, and 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 submitted that 40 bulk litres of illicit mahua liquor has been seized from the applicant's possession. However, she does not dispute the fact that the applicant has no criminal antecedents and charge-sheet has already been filed.
5. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.
6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly taking into account the quantity of liquor seized (40 bulk litres); the applicant is in jail since 19.09.2026; the charge-sheet has already been filed; the applicant has no criminal antecedents, this Court is inclined to grant 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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