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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9643 of 2026

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1 - Shiv Shankar Gond S/o Shyamji Gond Aged About 40 Years R/o Bhelwatikra, Patpara, Thana Pali, District Korba Chhattisgarh

... Applicant

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Ratanpur, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh

--- **Non-applicant**

For Applicant	:	Mr. T.R. Patel, Advocate
For Non-applicant	:	Ms. Smriti Shrivastava, PL

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order On Board

12.10.2026

1) The applicant has preferred this First Bail Application under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail, he has been arrested in connection with Crime No.589/2026 registered at Police Station Ratanpur, District Bilaspur (C.G.) for the offence under Section 34(2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act.

2) Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that police of Police Station Ratanpur, District Bilaspur (C.G.) has received a secret information

from the informant and on the basis of said information, raid was conducted and seized 50 bulk litre of country-made liquor from the possession of the present applicant. Thereafter, the aforesaid case was registered against the present applicant.

3) Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the present applicant has falsely been implicated in the case and the alleged 50 bulk litre of country-made liquor was not seized from the exclusive possession of the applicant. It is further argued that there is one criminal antecedent of the year 2022 against the present applicant. At present, no similar criminal case is pending against the present applicant. He would contend that the applicant is in jail since 22.08.2026; the charge-sheet has already been filed; and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take a considerable period of time. Therefore, he prays for grant of regular bail to the applicant.

4) On the other hand, the learned State counsel would oppose the bail application and submit that the charge-sheet has already been filed before the competent Court. She would further submit that 50 bulk litre of country-made liquor was seized from the possession of the present applicant; therefore, he is not entitled to the grant of regular bail.

5) I have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.

6) Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the offence, the fact that there is one criminal antecedent of the year 2022 against the present applicant and at present, no similar criminal case is pending against the present applicant, and further considering the quantity of liquor seized from the

possession of the present applicant, charge-sheet has been filed before the competent Court, the applicant is in jail since 22.08.2026, and the conclusion of the trial may take some more time, this Court is of the view that the applicant is entitled to be released on bail in this case. 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 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, &

(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.

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

Sd/-

(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
JUDGE

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