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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 10057 of 2026

1 - Puran Verma S/o Ram Lal Verma, Aged About 45 Years R/o- Village Mohara Police Chowki Mohara P.S. Dongargarh District Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

... Applicant

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through, Police Chowki Mohara P.S. Dongargarh District Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

--- **Non-applicant**

For Applicant	:	Ms. Mamta Mahilange, Advocate
For Non-applicant	:	Mr. Keshav Gupta, GA

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order On Board

27.10.2026

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.537/2026 registered at Police Chowki Mohara, Police Station Dongargarh, District Rajnandgaon (C.G.) for the offence under Sections 34(2), 36, 59(A) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act and Sections 111, 338, 336(3) & 340(2) of BNS.

2) Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that police of Police Station Dongargarh has received a secret information from the informant and

on the basis of said information, raid was conducted and seized 89.46 bulk litre of 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 this case and said 89.46 bulk litre of liquor was not seized from the exclusive possession of the applicant. It is further argued that the present applicant has no criminal antecedents under the Excise Act and under Section 34(2) of the C.G. Excise Act, minimum punishment is one year and maximum punishment is three years and the present applicant is in jail since 25.09.2026, conclusion of the trial is likely to take quite long time. Therefore, she 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. He would further submit that 89.46 bulk litre of 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, nature and gravity of applicant and the fact that the present applicant has no criminal antecedent under the Excise Act pending against him, moreover, the fact that the charge-sheet has been filed before the competent Court and he is in jail since 25.09.2026, 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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