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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 10027 of 2026

1 - Chetan Kumar Manhare S/o Rajkumar Manhare, Aged About 24 Years R/o Village Sundari, Thana Palari, District Balodabazar-Bhatapara (C.G.)

... Applicant

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Excise Circle - Palari District Balodabazar-Bhatapara (C.G.)

... Respondent(s)

For Applicant	**:**	Shri Suresh Kumar Verma, Advocate
For Respondent(s)	**:**	Ms. Priya Sharma, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

05/11/2026

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. 76/2026 registered at Police Station Excise Circle Palari, District Balodabazar-Bhatapara (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 34(2) of Excise Act. The applicant is in custody since 19.09.2026.

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 02.10.2026, the Excise Officers of Excise Circle Palari, District Balodabazar-Bhatapara received secret information to the effect that the present applicant on motor cycle bearing registration no. CG 04 JF 7826 was carrying 26.1 bulk liter of country made masala liquor in white bag. On the basis of the said information, the present applicant was apprehended and alleged liquor was seized.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that that applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case. It is further submitted that the the investigation has been completed and the charge-sheet has already been filed, he has been languishing in custody since 02.10.2026, and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time; thus, 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 26.1 bulk litres of country-made masala liquor was seized from the applicant; thus, applicant may not be granted bail.

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

diary.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the offence, the quantity of liquor seized, further considering the period of pre-trial detention of the applicant since 02.10.2026 and that the 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. 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

Madhurima