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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

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MCRC No. 10066 of 2026

- Laxmi Prasad Satnami S/o Ghasiya Ram Satnami Aged About 37 Years R/o Fatak Para, Village Kalami, Police Station Kotra Road, Tahsil Raigarh, District Raigarh (C.G.)

... Applicant

versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Kotra Road, District - Raigarh (C.G.).

... Non-Applicant

For Applicant : Ms. Ankita Goswami, Advocate
For State : Mr. Aakash Agrawal, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

28.10.2026

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant who has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 292/2026 registered at Police Station Kotra Road, District Raigarh (C.G.), for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) and 59(A) of C.G. Excise Act.

2. The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the police of Police Station Kotra Road, District Raigarh received an information from the informant and on the basis of the said information conducted a raid and seized 140 bulk liters of illicit mahua liquor from joint possession of the present applicant and co-accused Tarun Satnami. Thereafter, Police has registered aforesaid

offence against the present applicant.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has falsely been implicated in the present case. She further submits that the applicant has five criminal antecedents, out of which only one case, registered in the year 2022 under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code, is pending consideration, while the remaining four cases have already been disposed of. It is argued that no other case of similar nature is pending against the applicant. She further submits that the applicant is in jail since 17.08.2026, charge-sheet has been filed and trial is likely to take some time to conclude. She would contend that co-accused has already been enlarged on bail in MCRC No. 8328 of 2026 vide order dated 22.09.2026. Thus, she would pray for grant of bail to the present applicant.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State would oppose the bail application and submit that the charge-sheet has been filed in the present case before the competent Court. He also submits that the applicant has five criminal antecedents, therefore, he is not entitled for grant of regular bail in the present case.

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

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, nature and gravity of allegation levelled against the present applicant and fact that the applicant has five criminal antecedents, out of which only one case registered in the year 2022 under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code is pending consideration while remaining four cases have already been disposed of. Further, co-accused, Tarun Satnami, has already been enlarged

on bail in MCRC No. 8328 of 2026 vide order dated 22.09.202, charge-sheet has been filed before the competent Court, applicant is in jail since 17.08.2026 and looking to the quantity of the liquor, I am inclined to allow this bail application.

7. Accordingly, the regular bail application is allowed and 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.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
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