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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

MCRC No. 7682 of 2021

1. Aman Vastrakar S/o Omprakash Vastrakar, Aged About 22 Years, R/o Village Jhalap, Police Station Patewa, Tehsil And District Mahasamund (C.G.).

---- Applicant

Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh, Through Station House Officer, Police Station Patewa, District Mahasamund (C.G.).

---- Non-Applicant

For Applicant : Mr. Arun Kumar Shukla, Advocate.

For Non-Applicant/State : Dr. (Ms.) Veena Nair, Dy. Advocate General.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Gautam Chourdiya Order on Board

30/09/2021

- 1) Heard on admission.
- 2) The application is admitted for hearing.
- 3) With the consent of the parties, the matter is heard finally.
- 4) The applicant has preferred this <u>First Bail Application</u> under Section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 as he is in jail since 30/08/2021 in connection with Crime No. 220/2021 registered at Police Station Patewa, District Mahasamund (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of Chhattisgarh Excise Act and Sections 120-B, 193 & 211 of Indian Penal Code.
- 5) Allegation against the applicant is that he was found in illegal possession of **20 bulk Ltrs.** of country made liquor (Mahuwa).
- 6) Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the crime in question. He submits that similarly situated co-accused Sahil Banjare has been granted regular bail by this Court in MCRC No. 7307/2021 vide order dated 13/09/2021. He further submits that the applicant has been arrested on 30/08/2021.

He submits that there is no apprehension of the applicant tampering with the evidence or absconding and conclusion of trial is likely to take some time for its disposal. Therefore, the applicant be released on bail by this Court.

- 7) On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application. However, she submits that the applicant has **05** criminal antecedents i.e. bearing Crime No. 65/2019, Crime No. 175/2020, Crime No. 229/2020 & Crime No. 177/2021 under Section 36(C) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act and Crime No. 101/2019 under Section 34(2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act, registered at Police Station Patewa, District Mahasamund (C.G.). This apart, the applicant has **01** more criminal antecedent bearing Crime No. 227/2021 under Section 34(2) of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act, registered at Police Station Basna, District Mahasamund (C.G.).
- 8) Having heard learned counsel for the parties, having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the detention period of the applicant who is 30 years old, there is no apprehension of the applicant tampering with the evidence or absconding as admitted by both the counsel, in particular the fact that co-accused has already been released on bail by this Court and that conclusion of trial may take some time, the application is **allowed**. It is directed that in the event of the applicant executing a personal **bond** for a sum of **Rs. 2,00,000/-** with two sureties of Rs. 1,00,000/- each to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court, he shall be released on bail on the following conditions:-
 - 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,
 - iv. he shall strictly follow the COVID-19 protocol issued by the Central Govt./State Govt./Local Authority,

v. he shall not involve himself in any offence of similar nature in future.

Let a copy of this order be forwarded to the concerned Police Station forthwith who shall inform the trial Court in the event of applicant involving himself in similar offence in future.

> -Sd/-(Gautam Chourdiya) Judge

Chandrakant