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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR**MCRC No. 2568 of 2026**

Govindram Dhruv S/o Shri Amar Singh Dhruw Aged About 32 Years R/o Vill-Maraud, Chowki Sirpur, P.S. Tumgaon Tehsil And District- Mahasamund (C.G.)

... **Applicant****versus**

State Of Chhattisgarh Through P.S. Patewa, District – Mahasamund (C.G.)

---- **Non-applicant**

For Applicant : Mr. Anway Tiwari, Advocate.

For Non-applicant/State : Mr. Sourabh K. Pande, Dy. Adv. General.

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice**Order on Board****18.03.2026**

1. The applicant has preferred this First Bail Application under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail, as he has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 130/2025, registered at Police Station – Patewa, District – Mahasamund (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 316(5), 318(4), 336(3), 3(5) and 338 of the BNS.
2. The case of the prosecution, is that the complainant lodged an FIR stating that during the inspection of the liquor shop on 18.08.2025, liquor stock valued at Rs. 47,45,189/- was found missing, upon physical verification, it was alleged that the employees of the liquor shop and employees of CMS had embezzled the liquor stock and the corresponding amount, accordingly, the applicant along with co-accused, being employees have been implicated in the present case.



Hence, this application.

3. It is argued by the learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case and there is no criminal antecedents registered against the present applicant. It is further submitted that the co-accused person namely, Juber Siddiki has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 02.03.2025 passed in MCRC No.73 of 2026. The applicant is in jail since 23.08.2025 and trial is likely to take quite long time for its conclusion, therefore, he prays for grant of bail.
4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application of the applicant and submits that the applicant along with the co-accused as being the employees, had embezzled the liquor stock and the corresponding amount valued at Rs. 47,45,189/-, but could not dispute the fact that co-accused person has already been granted bail by this Court and the case of the present applicant is identical to that of the co-accused.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused all of the documents available on record.
6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, and the fact that the co-accused person namely, Juber Siddiki has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 02.03.2025 passed in MCRC No.73 of 2026, and the applicant is in jail since 23.08.2025 and conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I am inclined to allow this application, on the ground of parity.



7. Let applicant, **Govindram Dhruv**, involved in Crime No. 130/2025, registered at Police Station – Patewa, District – Mahasamund (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 316(5), 318(4), 336(3), 3(5) and 338 of the BNS, be released on bail on his furnishing **a personal bond** with **two sureties** in the like sum to the satisfaction of the court concerned with the following conditions:-

(i) The applicant shall file an undertaking to the effect that he shall not seek any adjournment on the dates fixed for evidence when the witnesses are present in court. In case of default of this condition, it shall be open for the trial court to treat it as abuse of liberty of bail and pass orders in accordance with law.

(ii) The applicant shall remain present before the trial court on each date fixed, either personally or through his counsel. In case of his absence, without sufficient cause, the trial court may proceed against him under Section 269 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iii) In case, the applicant misuses the liberty of bail during trial and in order to secure his presence, proclamation under Section 84 of BNSS. is issued and the applicant fails to appear before the court on the date fixed in such proclamation, then, the trial court shall initiate proceedings against him, in accordance with law, under Section 209 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iv) The applicant shall remain present, in person, before the trial court on the dates fixed for (i) opening of the case, (ii) framing of charge and (iii) recording of statement under Section 351 of BNSS. If in the opinion of the trial court absence of the applicant is deliberate or without sufficient cause, then it shall be open for the trial court to treat such default as abuse



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of liberty of bail and proceed against him in
accordance with law.

8. Office is directed to send a certified copy of this order to the trial Court
concerned for necessary information and compliance forthwith.

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

Rajshekhar