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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 2733 of 2026

Chotu @ Dinesh Chandravanshi S/o Malik Ram Chandravanshi Aged
About 26 Years R/o Resident Of Village- Kusumghata, Pondi, P.S.-
Bodla, District- Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh

... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police
Station- Bodla, District- Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh

... Respondent

For Applicant : Shri Animesh Tiwari, Advocate.

For : Ms. Anusha Naik, Dy.G.A.

Respondent/State

Hon'ble Mr. Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Order on Board

23/03/2026

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of regular bail to the applicant who has been arrested in connection with Crime No.0199/2025 registered at Police Station Bodla, District Kabirdham (C.G.) for the offence punishable under



Sections 34(1)(B), 34(2), 35, 49-A, 59-A of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act and Sections 318(4), 336(2), 336(3), 340(2), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on the basis of a secret information received by the police, a raid was conducted at the house of co-accused Nandkumar Kurre situated at Village Pondi within the jurisdiction of Police Station Bodla. During the said raid, the police allegedly recovered certain liquor bottles, hologram stickers, empty bottles and other articles which were purportedly used for the preparation and packaging of spurious liquor. On the basis of the said alleged recovery, the present crime was registered and several persons including the present applicant Chotu Dinesh @ Chandravanshi were implicated in the case on the allegation that they were involved in the illegal preparation and storage of spurious liquor, thereby attracting the offences punishable under the relevant provisions of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.; on this basis, offence under Sections 34(1)(B), 34(2), 35, 49-A, 59-A of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act and Sections 318(4), 336(2), 336(3), 340(2), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, have been registered and the present applicant has been arrested on 27.11.2025.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated; no specific overt act is attributed to him in the alleged offence of manufacturing spurious



liquor. He would submit that the alleged raid and recovery were made from the house of co-accused Nandkumar Kurre, and the applicant is neither the owner nor in possession of the said premises. He would submit that no contraband, chemicals, machinery, or incriminating material has been recovered from the applicant's personal possession. He would submit that the implication is based solely on memorandum statements of co-accused. He would submit that co-accused Idris Khan @ Pintu has been granted bail by this Court in MCRC No.2472/2026 on 17/03/2026. He would submit that the charge sheet has been filed in this case, the applicant is in jail since 27/11/2025 and conclusion of trial will take some time, therefore, he prays for grant of bail to the applicant.

4. On the other hand, learned State Counsel opposes the bail application but she do not dispute the fact that co-accused has been granted bail by this Court.
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 of allegation levelled against the applicant, further the fact that co-accused Idris Khan @ Pintu has been granted bail by this Court in MCRC No.2472/2026 on 17/03/2026, period of detention of the applicant since 27/11/2025, charge sheet has been filed and also considering the fact that trial is likely to take some time



for its conclusion, therefore this Court is of the view that the applicant is entitled to be released on bail in this case.

7. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed and it is directed that the Applicant- **Chotu @ Dinesh Chandravanshi**, involved in Crime No.0199/2025 registered at Police Station Bodla, District Kabirdham (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 34(1) (B), 34(2), 35, 49-A, 59-A of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act and Sections 318(4), 336(2), 336(3), 340(2), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, 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 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 for necessary information and compliance.

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
CHIEF JUSTICE