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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9771 of 2025

- Rajkumar Gritlahare S/o Savaldas Gritlahare Aged About 35 Years
R/o Village- Mopka, Tahsil/ Thana- Bhatapara Gramin, Distt.-
Baloda Bazar-Bhatapara (C.G.)

... Applicant

versus

- The State of Chhattisgarh Through Sho, Thana- Bhatapara Gramin,
Distt.- Baloda Bazar-Bhatapara (C.G.)

... Respondent

(Cause title is taken from Case Information System)

For Applicant : Mr. Sameer Singh, Advocate

For Respondent/State : Mr. Nitansh Jaiswal, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Order on Board

20.01.2026

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. 692/2025, registered at Police Station – Bhatapara Gramin, District – Balodabazar-Bhatapara (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of C.G. Excise Act.
2. The case of the prosecution, is that on 27.10.2025, officers of Police has received a secret information through the informant and on the basis of such information the Police has seized a total of 16.740 liters



of country made liquor from the possession of the present applicant.

Thereafter, the applicant has been arrested by the Police and the offence was registered.

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 are six criminal antecedents registered against the present applicant, out of which two cases under the Excise Act, in which applicant has been acquitted and rest are also disposed of. It is further submitted that the charge-sheet has been filed in this case. He further submits that under Section 34(2) of the Excise Act, minimum punishment is one year and maximum punishment is three years. The applicant is in jail since 04.11.2025 and trial is likely to take some time for its conclusion, therefore, he prays for grant of bail.
4. On the other hand, the learned State counsel opposes the bail application and submits that there are six criminal antecedents registered against the present applicant, same are mentioned in the bail application at paragraph No.4(a) and the charge-sheet has been filed in this case. It is further submitted that a total of 16.740 liters of country made liquor has been seized from the possession of the present applicant, therefore, he is not entitled for grant of bail.
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, nature and gravity of allegation levelled against the applicant and the fact that there are six criminal antecedents registered against the present applicant, out of which two cases under the Excise Act, in



those cases applicant has been acquitted, charge-sheet has been filed against the applicant and he is in jail since 04.11.2025 and conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I am inclined to allow this application.

7. Let applicant, **Rajkumar Gritlahre**, involved in Crime No.692/2025, registered at Police Station – Bhatapara Gramin, District – Balodabazar-Bhatapara (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 34(2) of C.G. Excise Act, 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



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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 concerned for necessary information and compliance forthwith.

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

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