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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 6036 of 2026

Kishan Kumar S/o Pramod Kumar Aged About 20 Years R/o Ghachi Colony
Bhagat Ki Kothi Jodhpur (Rajasthan)

--- Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station - Bhatapata (Gramin), District
Baloda-Bazar Bhatapara (C.G.)

--- Respondent



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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 6225 of 2026

Sandeep Prasad S/o Dineshwar Prasad Aged About 26 Years Present
Address New Power House Road Kamla Nehru Basti Jodhpur (Rajasthan)

--- Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Bhatapara (Gramin) District-
Balodabazar - Bhatapara (C.G.)

... Respondent

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For Respondent/State	:	Mr. Vaishali Mahilong, Deputy G.A. and Ms. Richa Sahu, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Ravindra Kumar Agrawal

Order on Board

20/07/2026

1. These are the first bail applications of the applicants- Kishan Kumar (MCRC No. 6036/2026) and Sandeep Prasad (MCRC No. 6225/2026), who have been arrested on 24.03.2026 in connection with Crime No. 563/2026, registered at police station Bhatapara (Gramin), District Baloda Bazar-Bhatapara for the offence under Section 7 of the Chhattisgarh Gambling (Prohibition) Act, 2022, Section 318(4) of the Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023 and Section 66-D of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

2. The case of prosecution, in brief, is that, the complainant Milan Kumar Sahu lodged an FIR on 29.08.2025 that in the year 2022, he was allured that he can earn huge money, if he will open the link circulated from his mobile phone. When he opened the link and punched his mobile number, the Teen Patti Betting App was opened and he asked to recharge the same. He started recharging and initially received bonus and cash back. Thereafter, he continued in recharging through his SBI bank account in the account of BELZTECH Pvt. Ltd. but has not received any cash back and the said Teen Patti Betting App also disappeared. He made huge transactions time to time in TECHNOPRESS Pvt. Ltd, PARONLINE Service Pvt. Ltd, SM Ventures, Rohit Traders, Aero Glide Pvt. Ltd,

F.K. Enterprises, Eletaximedia Pvt. Ltd, EDREN Services, Stock Oplex Pvt. Ltd and Carltonwed Technology. When he could not received his amount back, he made a complaint to National Cyber Help Number 1930 and an amount of Rs. 2,36,000/- was kept in hold. In between 06.08.2022 and 21.07.2025, he recharged a sum of Rs. 2,33,41,100/- in online gaming. The FIR has been registered and investigation started. From the bank transactions detail, the account number was traced, in which the money was transferred, which was found to be in the name of a firm of joint holding and the present applicants were the account holders of the said account and they are the resident of Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The accused persons have been arrested and their memorandum statements were recorded, in which they disclosed about their involvement in the offence and the manner in which they used to cheat the persons through online mode. They also disclosed that in order to save themselves, they filed a writ petition at Rajasthan High Court and get their accounts opened, but a lien was fixed on their bank accounts. The accused persons have been arrested and charge sheet has been filed.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the applicants would submit that, there is no sufficient evidence against the applicants that they are engaged in online gambling or cheating the complainant through online mode by using Teen Patti Betting App. There is no evidence in the charge sheet that the said Teen Patti Betting App was run or prepared by the present applicants. The present applicants are businessmen and there were frequent transactions in their bank accounts, which cannot be said to be the amount of online gambling.

They would further submit that, except the bank accounts detail, there is no any evidence in the charge sheet to connect them in the offence in question. There is no criminal antecedent against the applicants, the charge sheet has been filed and no custodial interrogation is required. The applicants are in jail since 24.03.2026, final adjudication of the case will take its own time. Therefore, the present applicants may also be released on bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel appearing for the State opposes the submissions made by learned counsel for the applicants and has submitted that, the money transactions made from the bank account of the complainant is transferred to the bank account of the present applicants, who were running their joint account. From the data collected from the mobile phones of the present applicants and the complainant, the same amount was frequently transferred from the bank account of the complainant to the bank account of the present applicants, which were shown for the recharge of the Teen Patti Betting App, which is the normal mode of online gambling. There is no explanation from the applicants about a huge transactions of money in their bank accounts and there is no business relation between them. Looking to the gravity of the offence, the involvement of the present applicants and also the manner in which they cheated the complainant through online mode, the applicants are not entitled to be released on bail.
5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.

6. The prosecution case shows that the complainant transferred a substantial amount through the Teen Patti Betting App and, during investigation, it was found that part of the amount was credited to the joint bank account of the present applicants. The investigation further reveals that the applicants are the holders of the said bank account and the prosecution has also relied upon the bank transaction details, digital evidence collected from the mobile phones and the memorandum statements of the applicants to show their alleged involvement in the commission of the offence. At this stage, without commenting upon the merits of the case, the material collected during investigation prima facie indicates the involvement of the applicants in the alleged offence.
7. Considering the nature and gravity of the allegations, the manner in which the alleged offence has been committed through online mode, the huge amount involved in the transactions and the prima facie material available against the applicants, this Court is not inclined to extend the benefit of regular bail to the applicants. Though the charge-sheet has been filed and the applicants are in jail since 24.03.2026, in the facts and circumstances of the present case, those factors alone are not sufficient to enlarge them on bail.
8. Accordingly, the bail applications of the present applicants **Kishan Kumar** (MCRC No. 6036 of 2026) and **Sandeep Prasad** (MCRC No. 6225 of 2026) are **rejected**.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge