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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 6576 of 2026

Ankit Singh S/o Yashwant Singh Aged About 35 Years R/o Village - Ward No. 06, Ambedkar Chowk, Pamgarh, District - Janjgir - Champa (C.G.)

... Applicant

versus

State of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station - Jutemill, District - Raigarh (C.G.)

... Non-applicant

For Applicant	: Mr. Dharendra Prasad Mishra, Advocate.
For Non-applicant/State	: Mr. Jitendra Shrivastava, Govt. Advocate.

Hon'ble Mr. Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Order on Board

22.07.2026

1. This is the **Second bail application** filed under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant who has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 381/2024 registered at Police Station - Jutemill, District - Raigarh (C.G.) for the offence under Section 20(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.
2. The first bail application of the applicant was rejected on merits by this Court in MCRC No. 9850 of 2025 vide order dated 04.12.2025.
3. As per the prosecution story, on the basis of secret information received from an informer, Inspector Mohan Bhardwaj of Police Station Jute Mill,

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District Raigarh, conducted a raid on 28.08.2024 near the Kodatarai Airstrip, within the jurisdiction of Police Station Jute Mill. During the raid, two sacks of ganja were allegedly recovered and seized from a white Alto car bearing Registration No. CG-13/AS-6967, and three sacks of ganja were allegedly recovered and seized from a Tata S Gold vehicle bearing Registration No. CG-13/AM-2987. In all, a total of 175 kilograms of narcotic drug (ganja), allegedly being transported for the purpose of sale, was seized in the presence of independent witnesses. Consequently, Crime No. 381/2024 was registered for the offence punishable under Section 20(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and the matter was taken up for investigation. During the course of investigation, on the basis of the memorandum statement of the accused, Santram Khunte, the police allegedly found that the other accused persons, namely, Bhagwat Sahu, Deepak @ Nanhu Bhardwaj, Vyomkesh @ Vyoma, and Kishore Sahu, were jointly involved in the transportation of ganja. Pursuant thereto, two vehicles, six mobile phones, and cash were seized. Thereafter, the accused persons were arrested, and upon completion of the investigation, the charge-sheet was filed before the concerned Court.

4. It is argued by learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the present case. He submits that there are 22 prosecution witnesses, out of whom only 15 have been examined till date. He further submits that the co-accused, namely, Vyomkesh Khatua and Deepak @ Nanhu Bharadwaj, have been enlarged on bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 17.11.2025 passed in SLP (Crl.) Nos. 14183/2025 and 15232/2025. Subsequently, the other co-accused, namely, Bhagwat Sahu, Kishore Sahu, and Mahendra Tandon, have also been enlarged on bail by this Court in MCRC Nos. 9791/2025,

9864/2025, and 6023/2026 vide orders dated 03.12.2025 and 08.07.2026. It is, therefore, submitted that the case of the present applicant is identical to that of the aforesaid co-accused and, accordingly, he is entitled to be enlarged on regular bail on the ground of parity.

5. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application and submits that the charge-sheet has been filed in the case, however, he could not dispute the fact that the co-accused have been granted bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and by this Court.
6. I have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.
7. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly the fact that the co-accused, namely, Vyomkesh Khatua and Deepak @ Nanhu Bharadwaj, have been enlarged on bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, and the other co-accused, namely, Bhagwat Sahu, Kishore Sahu, and Mahendra Tandon, have also been enlarged on bail by this Court, and considering that out of 22 prosecution witnesses, 15 have already been examined and the applicant has been in jail since 28.08.2024, conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, therefore, this Court is of the opinion that the present applicant is entitled to be enlarged on regular bail in the present case.
8. Let the Applicant - **Ankit Singh**, involved in Crime No. 381/2024 registered at Police Station - Jutemill, District - Raigarh (C.G.) for the offence under Section 20(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, be released on bail on furnishing **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.

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

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

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