**Serial No. 23**

# HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
## AT JAMMU

**Bail App No. 228/2026**
**CrlM No. 1999/2026**

Dhruba Jyoti Patar Th. His Brother Pankaj Jyoti Patar ……Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Rudhar Partap Singh, Advocate

**vs**

Central Bureau of Investigation Th. Head of the Branch, Srinagar ….. Respondent(s)

Through: Ms. Monika Kohli, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Tabraiz Haq, Advocate

**Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJNESH OSWAL, JUDGE**

**ORDER**
**16.11.2026**

1. This application has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 seeking bail in FIR No. RC-1232023A0011 dated 01.07.2026 registered with Central Bureau of Investigation under Section 120-B IPC read with Sections 7, 8, 11, 13(1) (a) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC.

2. The petitioner is presently serving as A. E. (Civil), 119 RCC, 756 BRTF, Project Arunank-Yazali, District Lower Subansiri, Arunachal Pradesh and was earlier posted as A.E. (Civil), DIC, 81 RCC, Baltik Sector, Ladakh during the year 2021-2022.

3. The petitioner was arrested on 07.07.2026 on the allegations that during his posting in the U.T. of Ladakh, the petitioner in connivance with labour supplier Rahman Ansari facilitated recruitment of outsider labourers in exchange for illegal gratifications. The investigation established receiving of Rs. 64,22,301/- by the petitioner as illegal

gratification for recruitment of Casual Paid Labours in 81 RCC. Further, bribe proceeds were routed through intermediary accounts including those of Tashi Kawang, Tsering Angchok, Tsering Lamchung and Gombo Dorjay and subsequently transferred to the accounts of the petitioner and his brother. Accordingly, the offences under Section 7, 8 and 12 of the PC Act read with Section 120-B IPC were proved against the petitioner. As per response of the respondents, the charge sheet has also been filed against the petitioner, Tashi Kawang, Tsering Angchok, Rahman Ansari and Harmuj Ansari.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was arrested on 07.07.2026 and even the charge sheet has been filed, as such, continuous incarceration of the petitioner shall amount to punishment without trial. He further submits that the petitioner is a Central Government employee, as such, there is no chance of the petitioner to jump over the bail.

5. *Per contra*, Ms. Monika Kohli, learned Senior counsel for the respondent submits that the petitioner has abused his official position by receiving the amount of Rs. 64,22,301/- as illegal gratification, therefore, he does not deserve concession of bail. She further submits that the matter is still under investigation and supplementary charge sheet shall be filed in due course.

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

7. Admittedly, the petitioner was arrested on 07.07.2026 and the charge sheet has already been filed against the petitioner and other co-accused. Though the matter is still under investigation but the custodial interrogation of the petitioner may not be required. The

allegations against the petitioner are to be proved during trial. In view of this, the present bail application is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be released on bail, subject to the terms and conditions, to be fixed by the court of Principal Sessions Judge, Leh.

8. The bail application is **disposed of**.

**(RAJNESH OSWAL)**
**JUDGE**

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