CGHC010235032026 2026:CGHC:45564

RUKHSAR BANO
Digitally signed by RUKHSAR BANO
Date: 2026.10.29 15:46:10 +0530

NAFR

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRR No. 790 of 2026

1 - Abc Nill

--- **Applicant**

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through - S.H. O. P.S. Shivrinarayan Dist - Janjgir-Champa (C.G.)

--- **Respondent**

CRR No. 872 of 2026

1 - A B C Nill

--- **Applicant**

Versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Station Shivrinarayan, District- Janjgir- Champa (C.G.)

--- **Respondent**

(Cause title, as taken from CIS)

For Applicants	:	Mr. Anshit Singh Hora and Mr. Paras Mani Shriwas, Advocates.
For Respondent/State	:	Mr. Krishna Gopal Yadav, Dy. GA.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Naresh Kumar Chandravanshi

Order on Board

28/10/2026

1. These criminal revisions have been preferred by the applicants/juveniles under Section 102 of the Juvenile Justice (Care

and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as the ‘JJ Act’), challenging the impugned orders dated 15.06.2026 and 11.06.2026 passed by the learned Upper Sessions Judge (FTC), District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.), in Criminal Appeal Nos. 63/2026 and 62/2026, respectively, whereby the appeals preferred by the applicants/juveniles have been rejected, upholding the order dated 04.06.2026 passed by the learned Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Janjgir, District Janjgir-Champa, in Crime No. 58/2026, whereby their bail applications under Section 12 of the JJ Act were rejected.

2. Facts of the case, in brief, are that the sister of Manish Chauhan, who is said to be the main accused, was in a relationship with the deceased, Rahul Chauhan. On account of this relationship, Manish Chauhan, along with four other adult accused persons and four juveniles, including the applicants in both cases, allegedly committed the murder of the deceased, Rahul Chauhan. Therefore, an FIR was registered, and after completion of the investigation, a charge-sheet for the offences under Sections 103(1) and 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, was filed against all the accused persons. A supplementary charge-sheet was filed against the five juveniles/accused persons before the Juvenile Justice Board, Janjgir-Champa, which is pending consideration. The bail applications filed by both applicants/juveniles under Section 12 of the JJ Act were rejected by the Juvenile Justice Board, Janjgir-Champa, vide order dated 04.06.2026. Thereafter, the appeals preferred by them were also rejected vide the impugned orders dated 15.06.2026 and 11.06.2026,

respectively, by the learned Upper Sessions Judge (FTC), Janjgir-Champa (C.G.). Hence, these criminal revisions.

3. Learned counsel for the applicants/juveniles would submit that both applicants/juveniles have been in the Observation Home since 12.02.2026. This is the first conflict with law involving the applicants/juveniles. They have been implicated only because they are friends of the main accused, Manish Chauhan. They have not played any role in the alleged offence. It is further submitted that keeping them in the Observation Home for a further period may adversely affect their childhood, conduct, and behaviour. Hence, it is prayed that the orders passed by the learned Appellate Court as well as the learned Juvenile Justice Board be set aside and both applicants/juveniles be enlarged on bail.

4. Per contra, learned State counsel opposes the bail applications of the applicants/juveniles and submits that both applicants/juveniles also accompanied the main accused, Manish Chauhan, along with the other accused persons, in committing the murder of the deceased. Therefore, the revisions may be rejected.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material available on record, along with the case diary.

6. As contended by learned counsel appearing for the respective applicants/juveniles, they have been in the Observation Home since 12.02.2026. As per the social status reports, this is the first conflict with law involving the applicants/juveniles. Their conduct and behaviour in the Observation Home have been stated to be good. As per the case diary, they have not played an active role in committing

the alleged offence. Nothing has been brought on record by the prosecution to demonstrate the fact that, if released on bail, the applicants/juveniles are likely to come into association with any known criminal or be exposed to any moral, physical, or psychological danger. Considering the aforesaid circumstances, this Court is inclined to allow the present revisions.

7. Accordingly, the present criminal revisions are **allowed**. The impugned orders dated 15.06.2026 and 11.06.2026, respectively, passed by the learned Upper Sessions Judge (FTC), Janjgir-Champa, as well as the order dated 04.06.2026 passed by the learned Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Janjgir, District Janjgir-Champa, are hereby set aside.

8. It is directed that, if the mother or father of each applicant/juvenile furnishes a personal bail bond of Rs. 25,000/- along with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Juvenile Justice Board, Janjgir-Champa, undertaking to ensure the appearance of the respective applicant/juvenile before the Board as and when directed, the applicants/juveniles shall be released into the custody of their respective parents.

Sd/-
(Naresh Kumar Chandravanshi)
Judge

Rukhsar