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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 7026 of 2026

*** -** Anil Kumar Sahu S/o Late Shri Melluram Sahu Aged About 28 Years R/o Village Ghoramar, P.S. - Kota, District - Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

... Applicant

Versus

*** -** State Of Chhattisgarh Through Its Station House Officer, Police Station - Kota, District - Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

... Non-Applicant

For Applicant	**:**	Mr. Sourabh Kumar Sharma, Advocate
For Non-Applicant	**:**	Mr. Kawaljeet Singh Saini, Deputy Government Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey
Order on Board

27/10/2026

1. The applicant has preferred this second bail application under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 as he is in jail since 11.12.2025 in connection with Crime No. 1111/2025 registered in Police Station- Kota, District Bilaspur (CG) for commission of offence punishable under Sections 103(1), 238 & 3(5) of BNS.
2. The first bail application of the applicant was dismissed for want of prosecution by the coordinate bench of this Court vide order dated 06.07.2026 in MCRC No. 5921/2026.
3. As per case of prosecution, a missing report was lodged by complainant/father of the deceased- Dheeraj Sahu that his son was missing on 30.11.2025 at about 08:30 pm and thereafter search was

made. On 07.12.2025, dead body of Dheeraj Sahu was recovered from Ghoramar Bhandha Pond and consequently, an F.I.R. was registered on same day. Initially merg enquiry was conducted and during course of investigation, police came to know that there was rivalry and dispute between the deceased and the present applicant. The applicant and another co-accused namely Jagatnath Sahu @ Bangad were taken into custody and they disclosed that they took the deceased- Dheeraj Sahu to poultry form and while he was going towards poultry form, the applicant and co-accused inflicted knife blow on his head and also assaulted by hands and fists. Thereafter, the dead body of deceased was thrown in a pond tied with stones by them. Cloths of the deceased were concealed near Kori Dam. On instance of the applicant knife used in commission of murder of offence was seized. On such complaint, police registered the offences as stated above against the applicant and co-accused.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the applicant would argue that the applicant did not participated in commission of offence, there are total 21 witnesses and till now only 01 witness has been examined. He would further submit that charge-sheet has already been filed, the applicant is in jail since 11.12.2025 and custodial interrogation is no longer required. He would submit that the applicant has no criminal antecedent, therefore, this second bail application of the applicant may be allowed.

5. On the other hand, learned Deputy Government Advocate appearing for the State/non-applicant would oppose. He would argue that the present applicant along with co-accused namely Jagnath Sahu @ Bangad committed murder of deceased- Dheeraj Sahu, thus, they

committed a heinous crime. He would submit that the first bail application of co-accused was withdrawn vide order dated 07.10.2026 in MCRC No. 7445/2026. It is also argued that on the instance of applicant and co-accused, blood stained cloths of the deceased and knife used in commission of offence were recovered. It is also contended that the present applicant and co-accused after committing murder of deceased threw his body tied with stones in a pond with intention to screen the offence. He would submit that this second bail application of the applicant deserves to be dismissed.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.

7. Having considered the manner in which murder of deceased- Dheeraj Sahu was committed, seizure of weapon used in commission of murder, seizure of blood stained cloths of the deceased, I am not inclined to release the present applicant on regular bail. Accordingly, the bail application of the present applicant is hereby **rejected**.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
Judge

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