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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 8242 of 2026

Kripala Verma S/o Kaushal Verma Aged About 26 Years R/o Gram Sankra, Police Station Gatapar, Tehsil Khairagarh, District Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai (C.G.)

... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Station Dongargarh, District Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

... Respondent(s)

For Applicant	**:**	Shri Purnendra Khichariya, Advocate
For Respondent(s)	**:**	Shri Keshav Gupta, G.A.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

03/11/2026

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant who has been arrested in connection with Crime

No. 218/2026 registered at Police Station Dongargarh, District Rajnandgaon (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 103(1), 109 and 3(5) of BNS, 2023. The applicant is in custody since 28.04.2026.

2. The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 26.04.2026, during a wedding procession, a dispute arose, in the course of which the principal accused, Khemraj Verma (a minor in conflict with law), allegedly stabbed the deceased Yonish Sinha and two other individuals, namely Reman Dewangan and Yuvraj Yadav. The Yonish Sinha was taken to hospital and during the course of treatment, he succumbed. FIR was lodged on 27.04.2026. The memorandum statement of juvenile was recorded wherein he disclosed that knife used in commission of crime was provided by the present applicant.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that that applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case. It is further submitted that perhaps there is specific allegation that injured witnesses namely Yuvraj and Reman have categorically stated that knife injuries were inflicted by the juvenile. It was also argued that the name of the present applicant has surfaced in the memorandum of the co-accused who is juvenile in conflict with law. He would submit that the applicant has no criminal antecedents, the investigation has been completed and the charge-sheet has already been filed, he has been languishing in custody since 28.04.2026, and the conclusion of the trial is likely

to take considerable time; thus, the applicant may be enlarged on regular bail.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the bail application and submits that the applicant was actively involved in commission of crime and the knife used in commission of crime was provided by present applicant. It is further submitted that the allegations against the applicant are serious in nature; therefore, the applicant is not entitled to be enlarged on regular bail.

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

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the fact that the applicant was not present on the spot at the time of incident, his name surfaces in the memorandum of statement of co-accused, the statements of injured witnesses, the injuries were inflicted by co-juvenile in conflict with law, has no criminal antecedents, the investigation is complete and the charge-sheet has already been filed, the applicant has been in custody since 28.04.2026, and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time, I am inclined to allow the bail application. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed.

7. It is directed that in the event of the applicant executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, he shall be released on bail, on following conditions :-

(i) he shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such fact to the Court,

(ii) he shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial, and

(iii) he shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

8. The observation made hereinabove is for the purpose of deciding this bail application only, the trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits.

SD/-

(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)

JUDGE

Madhurima