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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 8355 of 2026

Abdul Wahid S/o Abdul Majid Shaikh Aged About 34 Years R/o Village House No. 56 Jiya Park Padegaon, Aurangabad, P.S. Chhawani, District- Aurangabad, (MAH).

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... Applicant

versus

State of Chhattisgarh through District Magistrate Janjgir, District- Janjgir-Champa, (C.G.). **... Non-Applicant**

For Applicant	**:**	Ms. Vaishali Jeswani, Advocate
For Non-Applicant/State	**:**	Mr. Keshav Prasad Gupta, Government Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

02/11/2026

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 in connection with Crime No. 01/2026, registered at Police Station Cyber Range, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.), for the offences punishable under Section 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 66-D of the Information Technology Act.

2. The Prosecution case, in brief, is that complainant, Rajesh Kumar Soni, was contacted on Telegram by one Rewati Pillai and added to a group named *"WOS Group WJM 122"*. Under the fraudulent inducement of

earning high returns and doubling his investments through online trading, persons named Rewati Pillai, Satish, and Mahesh Meena induced the complainant to transfer a total sum of ₹27,26,614/- through RTGS/UPI on various dates. Upon realizing he had been defrauded, the complainant lodged a written report and the FIR was registered.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has falsely been implicated. It is contended that the applicant's name does not figure in the FIR. The applicant was arrested solely on the basis of a memorandum statement of a co-accused, with the only allegation being that he withdrew an amount for a commission of ₹3,000/- and handed it to one Aryan @ Jaffer Rafiq Shaikh. It is further submitted that the investigation is complete, charge-sheet has been submitted, and the applicant has been in jail since 22.04.2026. Similarly situated co-accused Sheikh Aavesh has already been granted bail by the co-ordinate Bench vide order dated 19.08.2026 passed in MCRC No. 6792/2026; further, the applicant has no criminal antecedents; thus, he may be enlarged on regular bail.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application and submitted that the applicant was an active link in liquidating the proceeds of cyber fraud; thus, he may not be enlarged on bail.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly the fact that the applicant is not named in the FIR; the applicant has been implicated on the basis of memorandum statement of co-accused; the investigation is complete and the charge-sheet has already been filed; the applicant has been in judicial custody since 22.04.2026; he has no criminal antecedents; further, the similarly situated co-accused Sheikh Aavesh has already been granted bail in

MCRC No. 6792/2026; and the trial is likely to take time to conclude, without commenting on the merits of the case, this Court is inclined to release the applicant on regular bail. Accordingly, the 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

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