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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 8850 of 2026

1 - Akash Kumar Sahu S/o Shri Bhagat Ram Sahu Aged About 35 Years R/o Bagdai Mandir, Near D.L.S. College, Ashok Nagar, P.S. Sarkanda, Distt. Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

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... Applicant

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Koni, Distt. Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

... Non-applicant

For Applicant	:	Mr. Ravish Verma, Advocate
For Non-applicant /State	:	Mr. Jitendra Shrivastava, G.A.

Hon’ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

07/10/2026

1. The applicant has preferred this first bail application under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of

regular bail as he has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 314/2026 registered at Police Station Koni, District Bilaspur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 3(5), 318(4), 336(3), 338, 340(2), 341(2) and 341(3) of Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023 (in short, “BNS”).

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that Sukaluram Thakur, Naib Nazir Grade-II, posted in the office of the Tahsildar, Bilaspur, lodged a written report alleging that the present applicant, along with other co-accused persons, concealed the actual cause of death and fraudulently obtained financial assistance under the Government’s Snakebite/Poisonous Animal Bite Death Assistance Scheme, thereby causing wrongful loss to the State exchequer and corresponding wrongful beneficiaries. On the basis of the said report, the aforesaid offence was registered against the applicant and other co-accused persons.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is submitted that the applicant neither received any amount nor derived any benefit from the alleged transaction, and no material is available to establish his involvement in the alleged offence. It is further submitted that the co-accused has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 20.08.2026 passed in MCRC No. 6347 of 2026. He further submits that the applicant is in jail since 20/06/2026, and the trial is likely to take some time. He prays for grant of bail to the present applicant on ground of parity.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State would oppose the bail application and submit that the charge-sheet has been filed in the present case before the competent Court.

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

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegations, the fact that the present applicant has no criminal antecedents, the charge-sheet has already been filed, and the applicant is in jail since 20.06.2026 and conclusion of trial is likely to take some time and further considering that co-accused has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 20.08.2026 passed in MCRC No. 6347 of 2026, I am inclined to release the present applicant on bail.

7. Accordingly, the regular bail application is **allowed** and 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 the 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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