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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 8718 of 2026

1 - Johan Meravi S/o Shri Jhagar Meravi Aged About 35 Years R/o Village Karidhaba Police Station Kukdur, District Kabirdham C. G.

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2 - Hirapanna S/o Shri Horilal Aged About 32 Years R/o Village Paraskapa, Police Station Lalpur District Mungeli, C. G.

3 - Duvendra, Dhritlahre S/o Shri Hari Dhritlahre, Aged About 26 Years R/o Village Devri, Police Station And Tehsil Mungeli, District Mungeli, C. G.

... Applicants

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Kukdur, District Kabirdham C. G. **... Non-Applicant**

For Applicants	**:**	Shri Ravi Kumar Banjare, Advocate.
For Non-applicant/State	**:**	Ms. Laxmeen Kashyap, Panel Lawyer.

(HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE RAKESH MOHAN PANDEY)

Order on Board

27/10/2026

1. Heard on admission.

2. This is the **First bail application** filed under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant, who has been arrested in connection with Crime No.52/2026 registered at Police Station Kukdur, Kabirdham (C.G.), for the offence punishable under Sections, 4, 6, 10 of the Chhattisgarh Agricultural Cattle Preservation Act, 2004 (for short, the Cattle Preservation Act), Section 11 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (for short, the Act of 1960) and Section 66/192 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (in

brevity, the MV Act).

3. As per the case of the prosecution, on 21.08.2026, a written complaint was made against the present applicants to the effect that they were allegedly engaged in illegal transporting of cattle. On 20.08.2026, the villagers intercepted a Pick-up vehicle and had found 5 Buffaloes tightly packed therein with ropes. On such complaint/report, the police registered the offence as stated above and seized the pick-up vehicle bearing registration No.CG-28-V-0326. The cattle were medically examined by the veterinary surgeon.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant would argue that the applicants were transporting Buffaloes for their personal needs and a false complaint was made against them. It is also argued that physical condition of those cattle was adequate and they were provided food and water properly. He would further submit that the charge-sheet has already been filed; the applicants are in jail since 20.08.2026; they have no criminal antecedents and conclusion of the trial is likely to take some considerable time. Therefore, he would pray that the bail application may be allowed and the applicant may be enlarged on bail.

5. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State would oppose the submissions advanced by the learned counsel for the applicant. She would submit that present applicants are involved in illegal transportation of cattle and their act is punishable according to the provisions of the Chhattisgarh Agricultural Cattle Preservation Act and Section 11 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, therefore, the bail application deserves to be rejected.

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

case diary.

7. Having considered the fact that the charge-sheet has already been filed; applicants have no criminal antecedents; they are in jail since 20.08.2026 and according to the medical report, physical condition of the cattle was adequate and conclusion of trial may take some considerable time, without making any observation on merits of the matter, I am inclined to grant bail to the applicant. Accordingly, the instant bail application is **allowed** at the admission stage**.**

8. It is directed that the applicants shall be released on each of them furnishing a **personal bond** in sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety each in the like sum to the satisfaction of the Court concerned with the following conditions:-

(i) they 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) they shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial, &

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

9. The observation made herein above is for the purpose of deciding this bail application only and the trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits.

Sd/-

(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
JUDGE

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