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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9099 of 2026

*** -** Sheikh Shahnawaz @ Sanu Maharaj S/o Sheikh Anwar Aged About 28 Years, R/o Modahpara, Rajbandha Maidan Behind Navbharat Press, Police Station Modahpara, District- Raipur (C.G.)

... Applicant

Versus

*** -** State Of Chhattisgarh Through S H O Police Station Azad Chowk, District- Raipur (C.G.)

... Non-Applicant

For Applicant	:	Mr. Lukesh Kumar Mishra, Advocate
For Non-Applicant/State	:	Mrs. Smriti Shrivastava, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey
Order on Board

16/11/2026

1. The applicant has preferred this first bail application under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 as he is in jail since 08.05.2026 in connection with Crime No. 92/2026 registered at Police Station – Azad Chowk, District Raipur (CG) for commission of offence punishable under Sections 22(B) and 29 of NDPS Act, 1985.

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 08.05.2026 the Police of Police Station–Azad Chowk, District Raipur (C.G.), had received secret information from the informant and on the basis of the said information

conducted a raid and seized ALPRAZOLAM tablets, consisting of 15 strips with a total of 225 tablets, weighing approximately 46.50 grams from the possession of co-accused Sheikh Sahil. Thereafter, the Police has registered the offence as stated above against the co-accused. It is alleged that on the basis of memorandum statement of co-accused, the present applicant has been made an accused in Crime No. 92/2026.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the present applicant would argue that 225 ALPRAZOLAM tablets were recovered from possession of the co-accused on 08.05.2026 and on the strength of memorandum statement of co-accused, the present applicant was implicated in the crime. He would submit that the applicant is in jail from 08.05.2026, charge-sheet has already been filed and 05 criminal antecedents of the applicant have properly been explained, thus, he would pray for grant of bail and further intermediate quantity of contraband was recovered, therefore, rigors of Section 37 of NDPS, Act would not attract.

4. On the other hand, learned Panel Lawyer appearing for the State/non-applicant would oppose. She would submit that the applicant has 05 criminal antecedents and 02 have not been explained. She would contend that there are 02 live cases under Section 307 of IPC, 01 case under CG Excise Act, 01 under Gambling Act and 03 cases under Arms Act, therefore, the bail application of the present applicant deserves to be rejected.

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

6. Having considered the fact that the applicant has total 07 criminal antecedents and 02 cases have not been explained by the applicant,

the quantity of contraband, I am not inclined to release the applicant on regular bail. Accordingly, the instant bail application of the applicant is hereby **rejected**.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
Judge

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