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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 8761 of 2026

*** -** Karan Rangari S/o Mahendra Singh Rangari Aged About 29 Years R/o Urla Ambedkar Nagar, Near Sai Temple, Ward No. 58, Police Station Mohan Nagar, Tah. And District Durg (C.G.)

... Applicant

Versus

*** -** State Of Chhattisgarh Through- Station House Officer, Police Station Newai, District Durg (C.G.)

... Non-Applicant

For Applicant	:	Mr. Ajay Thakre, Advocate
For Non-Applicant	:	Mr. Kawal Jeet Singh Saini, Deputy Government Advocate

Hon’ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey
Order on Board

05/10/2026

1. 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. 306/2026 registered at Police Station- Newai, District- Durg (C.G.), for commission of offence punishable under Sections 318(2), 318(3), 318(4) and Section 3(5) of the B.N.S.

2. The prosecution case, in brief, is that on scrutiny, certain bank accounts allegedly, were identified as "Layer-1/Mule Accounts" through the Coordination Portal. It was also found that certain amounts allegedly connected with cyber fraud were credited into various bank

accounts and thereafter transferred to other accounts. The FIR has been registered against several account holders on the allegation that their accounts were used for receiving, concealing and transferring the alleged proceeds of cyber fraud and applicant's name has been arrayed as an accused on the allegation that his bank account was allegedly used in connection with the aforesaid transactions. However, there is no specific allegation in the FIR showing that the Applicant himself committed any cyber fraud, induced any victim, participated in any fraudulent transaction, or personally obtained any wrongful gain from the alleged transactions.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He also submits that the bail application of co-accused Bhagwat Prasad Shukla was earlier rejected by this Court, however, he preferred SLP (Crl.) No. 20364/2025 before the Hon’ble Supreme Court and vide order dated 16.01.2026, the Hon’ble Supreme Court has granted bail to him. It is further submitted that co-accused persons namely Ayush Pandey, Rajendra Kumar Puran and Narendra Kumar Sahu have already been granted bail by this Court in MCRC No. 1586/2026, vide order dated 13.02.2026; MCRC No.2103 of 2026 vide order dated 03.03.2026 and MCRC No. 7144 of 2026 vide order dated 15.09.2026. The applicant is in judicial custody since 13.06.2026 and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time. Therefore, on the ground of parity and prolonged detention, the applicant prays for grant of bail.

4. On the other hand, learned State Counsel, appearing for the State/non-applicant, submit that the charge-sheet has been filed before the

competent Court and the trial is currently in progress. He further concur with the submission made on behalf of the applicant to the effect that the principle of parity may be considered, however, he contend that the serious nature of the offences and the possibility of influencing witnesses weigh against granting bail to the applicant at this stage.

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

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case that the bail application of co-accused Bhagwat Prasad Shukla was earlier rejected by this Court, however, he preferred SLP (Crl.) No. 20364/2025 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and vide order dated 16.01.2026, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has granted bail to Bhagwat Prasad Shukla. Subsequently, co-accused persons namely Ayush Pandey, Rajendra Kumar Puran and Narendra Kumar Sahu have already been granted bail by this Court in MCRC No. 1586/2026, vide order dated 13.02.2026; MCRC No.2103 of 2026 vide order dated 03.03.2026 and MCRC No. 7144 of 2026 vide order dated 15.09.2026. The applicant is in judicial custody since 13.06.2026 and he has no criminal antecedent. The conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time, thus, without further commenting anything on merits, I am inclined to grant bail to the applicant. Accordingly, the instant bail application of the applicant 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 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/her from disclosing such fact to the Court;

II. He shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to a fair and expeditious trial;

III. He shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till the disposal of the trial; and,

IV. He shall not involve himself in any offence of a similar nature in future.

8. The observation made in the course of this order is only for considering the case of the applicant on the application for the grant of regular bail. The concerned trial Court shall not be influenced or bound by any observation made in the course of this order.

9. Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
Judge

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