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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 8719 of 2026

1 - Shubham Bhardwaj S/o Bhushan Bhardwaj Aged About 22 Years R/o Village Chhote Kot, Thana Malkharoda, Distt. Sakti C.G.

... Petitioner(s)

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Sarangarh, Distt. Sarangarh-Bilaigarh C.G.

... Respondent(s)

For Applicant	:	Shri Parag Kotecha, Advocate.
For Non-applicant/State	:	Shri Keshav Gupta, G.A.

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 Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant who has been arrested in connection with Crime No.345/2026 registered at Police Station Sarangarh, District Sarangarh-Bhilaigarh (C.G.), for the offence punishable under Section 318(4) of BNS.

2. The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that a written report was lodged by Gajanand Nirala, alleging that the present applicant induced approximately 150 persons to pay Rs. 2,500/- each by assuring them that they would receive Rs. 24,000/- after 22 days. It is further alleged that the complainant transferred an amount of Rs. 80,000/- to the bank account of the present applicant, whereas the remaining amounts were paid in cash by various persons. On the basis of the said complaint, the police registered the offence as stated above.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that the alleged incident took place on 28.9.2025, whereas the FIR was lodged on 18.7.2026. The charge-sheet has been filed, the applicant has been in jail since 20.7.2026, he has no criminal antecedents, and the trial may take some time to conclude. Therefore, learned counsel prays that the applicant be enlarged on regular bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application and submits that the present applicant lured 150 persons and collected a total amount of Rs. 3,75,000/-, but subsequently failed to refund the said amount. Therefore, a prima facie case is made out against the present applicant, and the bail application deserves to be rejected.

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

6. Having considered the fact that an amount of Rs. 80,000/- was transferred to the bank account of the present applicant on 28.9.2025, that the FIR was lodged after a delay of approximately ten months, that the applicant has been in jail since 20.7.2026, and that he has no criminal antecedents, and without commenting on the merits of the

case, I am inclined to allow the bail application. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed.

7. Let the applicant be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the Court concerned with 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, &
(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.

The observations made in the course of this order are only for considering the case of the applicants on the application for grant of regular bail. The concerned trial Court shall not be influenced or bound by the observations made in the course of this order.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
JUDGE

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