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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 8756 of 2026

1 - Ajay Laxme Son Of Puniram Laxme, Aged About 31 Years Resident Of Village Chharra, Tahsil And Police Station Sarangarh, District Sarangarh - Bilaigarh (C.G.)

...Applicant(s)

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Of Police Station Sarangarh, District Sarangarh - Bilaigarh (C.G.)

... Respondent

For Applicant	:	Mr. Arun Kumar Sharma, Advocate
For Respondent/State	:	Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh Saini, Dy. G.A.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

27.10.2026

1. The applicant has preferred this First Bail Application under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023 for grant of regular bail, as he has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 351/2026, registered at Police Station Sarangarh, District- Sarangarh Bilaigarh (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 318(4) and 3(5) of BNS.

2. The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the accused persons, by projecting Dinesh Banjare as the President and his wife as the Treasurer of Samaj Sudhar Samiti, induced women of different villages to invest money in their organization under the scheme "Nari Raksha Samman Nidhi", promising to double their investments within

20 months and repay their bank loan instalments along with an additional grant of 10% per month. It is alleged that the accused persons collected money from several women of Villages Jevra, Bhedwan, Chhara and Khaira Chhota on the aforesaid pretext and initially paid certain instalments and grant amounts but subsequently stopped making payments. In this manner, the accused persons allegedly cheated the complainant and other women of a total amount of Rs. 2,38,22,260. On the basis of the complaint, the police registered the aforesaid offence against the applicant and co-accused persons.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the applicant submits that the applicant was not an office-bearer of the alleged committee. He further submits that an amount of Rs. 1,48,000/- was transferred to the applicant's bank account, wherein the beneficiary was the committee, and that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submits that the applicant has no criminal antecedents, the charge-sheet has already been filed, and he has been in custody since 23.07.2026. He, therefore, prays for grant of bail to the applicant.

4. On the other hand, learned State Counsel opposes the bail application and submits that the present applicant, along with the other two accused persons, cheated the complainant and villagers by collecting a total amount of Rs. 2,38,22,260/-. He further submits that most of the witnesses have named the present applicant and that his direct involvement in the commission of the offence is apparent. He, therefore, prays for rejection of the bail application.

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

6. On perusal of the case diary, it appears that during the course of investigation, the police recorded the statements of Babita, Savita Nishad, Reena Sahu, Vineeta Sidar, Chandravati Verma, Divya Verma, Ratna Bai Ratre, Kanchan Choubey, Bhaghshri, Anita Sidar, Malti Bai, Jamuna Barduwaj, Shyam Rai Tandon, Sanjeeta Sidar, Ratri Sidar, Tulsi Sahu, Laxmeen Kurre, Simran, Meena Nirala, Mantora, Lakeshwari, Santoshi, Madhuri, Aarti and other witnesses under Section 180 of the BNSS. These witnesses have made allegations against the present applicant, Dinesh Banjare and Uttam Bai Banjare.

7. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly the allegations against the present applicant, the statements of the witnesses implicating him in the commission of the offence, and the magnitude of the alleged fraud involving Rs. 2,38,22,260/-, I am not inclined to grant bail to the applicant. Accordingly, the bail application is **rejected** on merits.

Sd/-

(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
Judge

Jyoti