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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 8983 of 2026

1 - Jitendra Bodelkar S/o Gautam Bodelkar Aged About 41 Years R/o Durg Station Indirachowk Maroda, Police Station Newai, District Durg Chhattisgrh

--- Petitioner(s)

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through- Police Station Devbhog District Gariyaband Chhattisgarh.

--- Respondent(s)

For Applicant : Mr. Anmol Sharma, Advocate.
For Non-Applicant/State : Mr. Keshav Gupta, G.A.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

8.10.2026

1) This is the first bail application filed under under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant, who has been arrested in connection with Crime No.209 of 2026 registered at Police Station Devbhog, District Gariyabandh, Chhattisgarh for the offence punishable under Section 20(B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

2) The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the police of Police Station Devbhog, District Gariyabandh, Chhattisgarh, received secret information from the informant and, acting upon the said information, conducted a raid and seized 8.100 kg of contraband ganja from the possession of the present applicant. Thereafter, the aforesaid offence was registered against the applicant.

3) Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submits that a small quantity of 8.100 kg of contraband ganja was seized from the possession of the present applicant. He would also submit that the applicant has no criminal antecedents, charge-sheet has already been filed, he in jail since 29.6.2026 and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time. Therefore, he prays for grant of regular bail to the applicant.

4) On the other hand, learned counsel appearing for the State/non-applicant would oppose the bail application and submit that the charge-sheet has been filed in the present case before the competent Court. He would further submit that 8.100 kg of contraband ganja was seized from the possession of the present applicant; therefore, the present applicant is not entitled to grant of bail.

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

6) Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly the fact that the contraband article, i.e., 8.100 kg of ganja, was recovered from the possession of the applicant, which is an intermediate quantity, and further considering that the charge-sheet

has already been filed, the applicant has been in jail since 29.6.2026, and the conclusion of the trial may take some time, this Court is of the view that the applicant is entitled to be released on bail in the present case.

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:-

(a) he shall make himself available for interrogation by the police officer as and when required;

(b) 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; and

(c) he shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to a fair and expeditious trial.

The observation made hereinabove is for the purpose of deciding this bail application only, the learned trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
Judge

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