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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9552 of 2026

1. Shahid Khan S/o Mohammad Khan, Aged About 22 Years R/o Of Village Ballarpur, Police Station Chandrapur, Distt. Chandrapur, (M.H.)

2. Shubham Keshkar, S/o Vijay Keshkar Aged About 22 Years R/o Of Village Ballarpur, Police Station Chandrapur, Distt. Chandrapur, (M.H.)

3. Rohit Keshkar, S/o Dharamraj Keshkar Aged About 23 Years R/o Of Village Ballarpur, Police Station Chandrapur, Distt. Chandrapur, (M.H.)

... Applicant

versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Officer In Charge, Police Station Singhora, Distt. Mahasamund (C.G.)

... Non-applicant

For Applicants	**:**	Mr. Divyansh Shukla, Advocate
For Non-applicant	**:**	Ms. Laxmeen Kashyap, P.L.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

04.11.2026

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 applicants who have been arrested in connection with Crime No. 70/2026 registered at Police Station Singhora, District

Mahasamund (C.G.), for the offence punishable under Section 20(B) of the N.D.P.S. Act against the present applicants.

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that Police Station Singhora received secret information regarding illegal transportation of ganja. On the basis of such information, the police intercepted a HONDA AMAZE car bearing registration No. MH 34 AM 7642 and seized 9 kg of ganja from the possession of the present applicants. Thereafter, the aforesaid case was registered against the present applicants.

3. Learned counsel for the applicants submits that the applicants have been falsely implicated in the present case and the contraband article was not seized from their exclusive and conscious possession. He further submits that the applicants Shahid Khan and Rohit Keshkar have no criminal antecedents, while applicant Shubham Keshkar has 07 prior cases which are not of a similar nature and 06 cases have been disposed of. He contends that the charge-sheet has been filed, the contraband article is less than commercial quantity, and the applicants have been languishing in jail since 29.06.2026. He further contends that the conclusion of trial is likely to take time; therefore, the instant bail application may kindly be allowed.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail applications and submits that the applicants were actively involved in the illegal transportation of the contraband article, i.e.,

ganja. She further submits that one of the applicants has 07 criminal antecedents; therefore, the applicants are not entitled to be enlarged on bail.

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

6. It appears that the contraband article, i.e., 9 kg of ganja, was recovered from the joint possession of the applicants, which is less than commercial quantity. Moreover, the applicants Shahid Khan and Rohit Keshkar have no criminal antecedents, while applicant Shubham Keshkar has 07 criminal antecedents which are not of a similar nature and 06 cases have been disposed of. Further, considering that the charge-sheet has already been filed before the competent court, the applicants have been in judicial custody since 29.06.2026, and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, this Court is of the view that the applicants are entitled to be released on bail.

7. It is directed that in the event of the applicants executing a personal bond for a sum of **Rs. 50,000/-** to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, they shall be released on bail on the following conditions:-

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

(b)they 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) they 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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