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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRCA No. 1660 of 2026

- Islam Ansari S/o Late Rojjoddin Ansari Aged About 43 Years Caste Musalman R/o Ranpurkhurd (Takiyapara) P.S. And Tehsil Ambikapur District Surguja (C.G.)

... Applicant

versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, P.S. Ambikapur District Surguja (C.G.)

... Respondent

For Applicant	:	Mr. Nishi Kant Sinha, Advocate
For Respondent-State	:	Ms. Sunita Manikpuri, Govt. Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Parth Prateem Sahu, Judge

ORDER ON BOARD

27/10/2026

1. Applicant has preferred this application under Section 482 of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail as he apprehends his arrest in connection with Crime No. 641/2026 registered at Police Station- Ambikapur, District Sarguja (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 318(4) and 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyaya Samhita, 2023.

2. Case of prosecution, in brief, is that on 13.09.2026 complainant Ramnath Yadav submitted a complaint before the Inspector General of Police, Surguja Range, alleging cheating and fraud by the accused persons. Pursuant to which, on an inquiry, it was revealed that the complainant and the accused were acquainted with each other. Complainant had executed a registered agreement dated 10.10.2025 before the Sub-Registrar, Ambikapur, for the sale of his land situated at village

Chikhaladih, Tehsil Ambikapur, District Surguja, in favour of Raju Devi, wife of Ratan Chaudhary. The transaction was allegedly settled for ₹50 lakh. It was further alleged that, on 03.12.2025, the accused persons got the complainant intoxicated and induced him to execute a registered sale deed in the name of Dukhu Khamari. In connection with the transaction, a cheque for ₹18 lakh was issued, which was encashed, and the said amount was subsequently transferred to the complainant's bank account. Thereafter, the accused persons allegedly threatened the complainant by stating that, since the property had been registered in their names, he would be arrested and sent to jail. Taking advantage of his fear, they allegedly obtained ₹9 lakh in cash from him on the pretext of paying police personnel, ₹5 lakh on the pretext of paying the Collector's clerk, and a further ₹4 lakh by claiming that the amount was payable to the Sub-Registrar. They also threatened him with dire consequences if he disclosed the incident to anyone. The complainant, being an elderly person, was allegedly deceived and deprived of the amounts through these acts. Upon completion of the preliminary inquiry, a *prima facie* case of cheating was found against applicant, Kishan Tiwari and Aniket Chaudhary. Based on which aforementioned crime was registered, and the matter was taken up for investigation.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that applicant has been falsely implicated in the crime. He contended that the applicant entered into an agreement to purchase the land with the complainant and paid a sum of Rs. 10 Lakh to complainant. Complainant thereafter entered into the agreement to sale his land to one Ranju Devi and thereafter he sold the same land to one Dukhu Khamari by registered sale deed. After getting knowledge, report was lodged, on which Crime No. 61/2026 was registered against complainant in which he was also arrested. After release on bail, he lodged a false report that applicant got his signature in

the agreement to sale as also the sale deed after intoxicating him. The allegation against applicant are false and baseless. There is no other criminal antecedent against applicant.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the submission of counsel for applicant and would submit that specific allegation has been levelled against applicant of committing cheating and fraud.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the respective parties and also perused the documents enclosed along with bail application.

6. On due consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegation, submission of learned counsel for the parties and further considering the copy fo F.I.R., Annexure A-4, bearing Crime No. 61/2026 registered at police station Amikapur, without commenting anything on merits, I am inclined to allow this anticipatory bail application.

7. Accordingly, application is allowed and it is directed that in the event of arrest of applicant in connection with the crime in question (641/2026), he shall be released on anticipatory bail by the Officer arresting him on his executing a personal bond in the sum of ₹25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned arresting Officer. Applicant shall also abide by the following conditions:

(i) that the applicant shall make himself available for interrogation before the Investigation Officer as and when required;

(ii) that the applicant 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 facts to the Court or to any police officer;

(iii) that the applicant shall not act, in any manner, which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial; and

(iv) that the applicant shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

8. Office is directed to send a certified copy of this order to the trial Court concerned for necessary information and compliance forthwith.

Sd/-

(**Parth Prateem Sahu**)
JUDGE

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