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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9304 of 2026

Ghanshyam Sharma S/o Late Gupteshwar Sharma Aged About 49 Years R/o Behind Sharma Saw Mill Sharma Motors, Sarvoday Nagar, Pachpedinaka, Police Station Rajendra Nagar, District Raipur Chhattisgarh **... Applicant**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station City Kotwali, District Raipur Chhattisgarh **... Non-Applicant**

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For Applicant	:	Ms. Khushbu Sahu, Advocate
For Non-Applicant/State	:	Shri Akash Agrawal, Panel Lawyer

(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 applicant, who has been arrested in connection with Crime No.354/2026 registered at Police Station City Kotwali, District Raipur (C.G.), for the offence punishable under Section 6 of Chhattisgarh Gambling Prohibition Act, 2022 (for short, the Act, 2022).

2. As per the case of the prosecution, after getting secret information, the police, on 01.09.2026, conducted raid inside Nagar Nigam, Garden, Raipur and apprehended two persons involved in Gambling (Satta) by issuing numbers etc. on paper. They were taken into custody and from

their possession, Cash of Rs.30,730/-, one blue ball point pen, one piece of carbon paper were recovered. 23 betting slips amounting to Rs.24,370 were also seized. Thereafter, the police registered the offence as stated above against the applicant.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that the applicant is innocent person; he has falsely been implicated; he is in jail since 01.09.2026. It is also argued that 13 criminal antecedents have been reported against the present applicant, but all those cases have been disposed of. She would further submit that trial is likely to take some considerable time and therefore, she would pray that the bail application may be allowed and the applicant may be enlarged on bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State would oppose the submissions advanced by the learned counsel for the applicant. He would submit that the applicant is habitual offender and against him 13 cases of Gamblict Act were registered between 2021 – 2025, and therefore, 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 though there were 13 criminal antecedents registered against the applicant in Gambling Act, but those cases have already been disposed of; the applicant is in jail since 01.09.2026 and conclusion of trial may take some considerable time, without making any observation on merits of the matter, I am inclined to grant bail to the applicant. Accordingly, the instant bail application is **allowed.**

7. It is directed that the applicant shall 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.

8. The observation made herein above is for the purpose of deciding this bail application only and the trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits.

Sd/-

(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
JUDGE

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