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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9389 of 2026

Suraj Sahu S/o Shiv Kumar Sahu Aged About 32 Years R/o Bandhwa Para, Near Bada Pipal Jhad, P.S. Puranibasti, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station City Kotwali, Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.)

... Respondent(s)

For Applicant	**:**	Shri B.L. Sahu, Advocate
For Respondent(s)	**:**	Shri Dharmesh Shrivastava, Dy. A.G.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

26/10/2026

1. This is the first bail application filed 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. 241/2026 registered at Police Station City Kotwali, District Raipur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 316 of BNS, 2023. The applicant is in custody since 18.05.2026.

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on the complainant has lodged report to the concerned police station that on the date of incident, the unknown persons have committed theft of some gold and silver of his jewelry shop and on the basis of complaint made by the complainant, the police has registered the case under Section 316 of BNS against the unknown person and after investigation, the police has arrested the present applicant on the memorandum of statement.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that that applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case. It is further submitted that the applicant has no criminal antecedents, the investigation has been completed and the charge-sheet has already been filed, he has been languishing in custody since 22.06.2026, and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time; thus, the applicant may be enlarged on regular bail.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application.

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

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case,

particularly the fact that there is considerable delay in lodging FIR, that the applicant has no criminal antecedents, the investigation is complete and the charge-sheet has already been filed, he has been in custody since 22.06.2026, and the trial is likely to take considerable time to conclude, this Court, without commenting on the merits of the case, is inclined to release the applicant on bail. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed.

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 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, and

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

SD/-

(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)

JUDGE

Madhurima