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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 8963 of 2026

Rishabh Raj S/o Shiv Kumar Sharma Aged About 24 Years Permanent R/o Village And Post - Gopalpur, Thana - Nautabpur, Patna, District Patna Bihar Presently R/o C-13, Mahavir Nagar, Super State Colony, Telibandha, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

--- **Applicant(s)**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Station - Ganj, Raipur Commissionerate, Revenue District Raipur Chhattisgarh

--- **Respondent(s)**

MCRC No. 9378 of 2026

Sourabh Rajput S/o Kamlesh Bhai Rajput Aged About 30 Years Permanent Resident Of A-53, Sonu Park, Nigam Society, Gondasar Batwa, Ahmedabad (Gujarat) Presently R/o House No. 80, Classic B/2, Shankar Nagar, Mowa Road, Thana- Pandri, District- Raipur (C.G.)

---**Applicant(s)**

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Station-Ganj, Raipur Commissionerate, Revenue District- Raipur (C.G.)

--- **Non-applicant(s)**

MCRC No. 9346 of 2026

Vikash Narendra Shukla S/o Narendra Shukla Aged About 33 Years Permanent R/o A-20, Krishna Kunj Society, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Presently R/o House No. 80, Classic B/2, Shankar Nagar, Mowa Road, Thana Pandri, Distt. Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

---**Applicant(s)**

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, P.S. Ganj, Raipur, Commissionerate, Revenue, Distt. Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

--- **Non-applicant(s)**

MCRC No. 9325 of 2026

Anil Kumar Yadav @ Rohit Yadav S/o Shri Subhash Chandra Yadav Aged About 28 Years Permanent R/o B- 11, Opposite Surabhi Tenement, Isanpur, Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Presently R/o House No. 80, Classic B/2, Shankar Nagar, Mowa Road, Thana Pandri, Distt. Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

---**Applicant(s)**

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, P.S. Ganj, Raipur, Commissionerate, Revenue, Distt. Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

--- **Respondent(s)**

MCRC No. 9177 of 2026

1 - Nitesh Gurung S/o Late Suresh Gurung, Aged About 20 Years Permanent Resident Of Third Mill, Upper Shillong, District - East Kashihill, Meghalaya, Presently R/o Akriti I N A - 42, Laalpur, Thana - Tikrapara, District - Raipur (C.G.)

2 - Ajay Choudhary S/o Bhuneshwar Choudhary, Aged About 20 Years Permanent Resident Of Third Mill, Upper Shillong, District - East Kashihill, Meghalaya, Presently R/o Akriti I N A - 42, Laalpur, Thana - Tikrapara, District - Raipur (C.G.)

3 - Mayur Khadpe S/o Pankaj Khadpe, Aged About 22 Years Permanent Resident Of 24, Maruti Nagar, Near S. P. Ring Road, Ahmedabad, District - Ahmedabad (Gujarat) Presently R/o Akriti I N A - 42, Laalpur, Thana - Tikrapara, District - Raipur (C.G.)

4 - Satyam Tiwari S/o Ashok Kumar Tiwari, Aged About 26 Years Permanent Resident Of Village And Post - Rampur, Thana - Semraha, District - Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh) Presently R/o House No. 314, Bajaj Colony, Thana - New Rajendra Nagar, Raipur, District - Raipur C.G.

---**Applicant(s)**

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Station - Ganj, Raipur Commissionerate, Revenue District - Raipur, C.G.

--- **Non-applicant(s)**

For Applicants	:	Mr. Hari Agrawal, Advocate.
For Non-applicant/State	:	Mr. K.S. Saini, Dy. Govt. Advocate.

Hon'ble Shri. Rakesh Mohan Pandey, Judge

Order on Board

08/10/2026

1. Since all these bail applications are the first bail application of the respective applicants, arising out of similar incidents registered at Police Station Ganj, Raipur Commissionerate, District- Raipur, though under different offences, they are being heard and decided by this common order.

2. The relevant particulars with respect to each applicant in the bail applications are as under:

M.Cr.C.No.	**Name of the Applicant**	**Police Station**	**Crime Number**	**Offence under Sections**	**Date of Arrest**
8963/2026	Rishabh Raj	Ganj, Raipur Commissione - rate	83/2026	61(2), 112(2), 316(2), 318(4), 319(2), 336(3), 337,	25.03.2026

				338, 340(2) of BNS and Sections 66C and 66D of I.T. Act	
9177/2026	Nitesh Gurung	-do-	-do-	61(2), 112(2), 318(4), 336(3), 338, 340(2) of BNS	-do-
9325/2026	Anil Kumar Yadav @ Rohit Yadav	-do-	-do-	61(2), 112(2), 316(2), 318(4), 319(2), 336(3), 337, 338, 340(2) of BNS and Sections 66C and 66D of I.T. Act	-do-
9346/2026	Vikash Narendra Shukla	-do-	-do-	61(2), 112(2), 318(4), 336(3), 338, 340(2) of BNS.	-do-
9378/2026	Sourabh Rajput	-do-	-do-	61(2), 112(2), 316(2), 318(4), 319(2), 336(3), 337, 338, 340(2) of BNS and Sections 66C and 66D of I.T. Act	-do-

3. As per the prosecution case, on 25.03.2026, on receipt of secret

information through mobile that an illegal call centre was being operated from the second and third floors of Pithalia Complex, Subhash Nagar, within the jurisdiction of the concerned Police Station, wherein U.S.-based citizens were being contacted on the pretext of providing loans, improving credit scores and facilitating easy loans and were thereby cheated and made to part with huge amounts, the police party along with staff and witnesses proceeded to the spot. Upon reaching there, several persons were found working on computers and laptops inside the premises. It is alleged that the applicants, along with other associates, were involved in running the said call centre under the name and style of Rockland Business Solution Private Limited. It is further alleged that accused persons, including Vikas Narendra Shukla and Sanjay Sharma, residents of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, had entered into rent agreements with the operator of Pithalia Complex and were operating the call centre by using computers, laptops, internet calling systems, headsets and other electronic devices. They allegedly generated forged cheques in the accounts of U.S. citizens, obtained money through banks pursuant thereto and as part of an organised criminal conspiracy, committed cheating and also threatened the victims with digital arrest and issued forged arrest warrants. It is further alleged that applicant Anil Kumar Yadav @ Rohit was working as a Director of Rockland Business Solution Private Limited and had executed the lease agreement in respect of the third floor of Pithalia Complex, whereas applicant Vikas Narendra Shukla is alleged to be one of the persons involved

in running the said call centre. Applicant Rishabh, applicant Nitesh Gurung and applicant Saurabh Rajput are also alleged to have been associated with the operation of the said call centre along with other participants. During investigation, 53 mobile phones, 17 laptops and 18 computer sets allegedly used in the commission of the offence were seized. The seized mobile phones and CPUs were sent for forensic examination and the relevant hard disks have been placed on record in sealed condition along with printouts of forged documents, cheques, loan agreements/contracts and arrest warrants. On completion of investigation, charge-sheet has been filed for offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 338, 336(3), 340(2), 61(2) and 112(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

4. Mr. Hari Agarwal, learned counsel for the applicants would submit that the applicants are innocent and have been falsely implicated in the present case. He would further submit that the alleged call centre was established and run by the main co-accused persons and the applicants have neither knowingly participated in any alleged cyber fraud activity nor derived any direct unlawful benefit therefrom. He would further submit that similarly situated co-accused persons, namely, Om Kodvale, Shivam Pandey and Mohammad Gufaran Hussain, have already been granted bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in MCRC No. 8083 of 2026, vide order dated 01.09.2026. He would further submit that the applicants are in jail since 25.03.2026 and conclusion of the trial is likely to take some more time. Therefore, he prays for grant of bail to the applicants on the ground of parity.

5. On the other hand, learned State counsel would oppose the prayer for grant of bail and submit that the applicants are alleged to have been associated with an organised call centre being operated for committing cyber fraud against U.S.-based citizens by inducing them on the pretext of loans and thereafter obtaining money through fraudulent means and threatening them with digital arrest by using forged arrest warrants. He would further submit that applicant Anil Kumar Yadav @ Rohit is alleged to have been working as a Director of Rockland Business Solution Private Limited and had executed the lease agreement in respect of the third floor of the premises, while the other applicants are also alleged to have participated in the operation of the said call centre. However, learned State counsel could not dispute the fact that the similarly situated co-accused persons, namely, Om Kodvale, Shivam Pandey and Mohammad Gufaran Hussain, have already been enlarged on bail by this Court in MCRC No. 8083 of 2026, vide order dated 01.09.2026.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary and material available on record.

7. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, nature and gravity of the offence alleged against the applicants and further the fact that charge-sheet has already been filed before the competent Court and the applicants are in jail since 25.03.2026 and particularly the fact that the co-accused persons have already been enlarged on bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in MCRC No. 8083 of 2026, vide order dated 01.09.2026, this Court

is of the considered view that the applicants are also entitled to the benefit of parity. Hence, I am also inclined to grant bail to the applicants on the ground of parity.

8. Accordingly, the bail applications of the applicants are **allowed**. It is directed that in the event of the applicants executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety each in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, they shall be released on bail on the following conditions:-

(i) 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 them from disclosing such fact to the Court;

(ii) they shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial, &

(iii) they shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to them by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
Judge

Kunal