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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9520 of 2026

Rajesh Puri Goswami S/o Late Badri Puri Goswami Aged About 43 Years R/o Gram, Surya Vihar Colony, Thana - Gandhinagar, Ambikapur, Distt. Surguja Chhattisgarh

... Applicant(s)

versus

The State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Station - Gandhinagar, District Sarguja Chhattisgarh

... Non-Applicant(s)

For Applicant	**:**	Mr. N.K. Mehta, Advocate.
For Non-Applicant/State	**:**	Ms. Sameeksha Gupta, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Mr. Rakesh Mohan Pandey, Judge

Order on Board

28/10/2026

1. The applicant has preferred this first bail application under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, as he has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 480/2026, registered at Police Station Gandhinagar, District Surguja (C.G.), for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 319(2), 308(2), 61(2) and 62 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. The prosecution story, in brief, is that on 27.07.2026, the complainant, Laxmikant Gaikwad, received a phone call from an

unknown person who falsely introduced himself as an officer of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and demanded six bottles of liquor and some cash for visiting officers, while threatening to implicate the complainant in a case in the event of non-compliance. Suspecting the caller's identity, the complainant did not provide any liquor or money and lodged a report. During investigation, the applicant and co-accused Saurabh Prajapati and Ranjit Gupta were apprehended. Their mobile phones and other articles allegedly connected with the offence were seized and the call detail records and subscriber details were collected. After investigation, the charge-sheet was filed before the competent Court.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He would further submit that the investigation is complete, charge-sheet has already been filed. He would further submit that similarly situated co-accused, namely Saurabh Prajapati and Ranjit Gupta, have already been granted bail by this Court in MCRC No. 7964 of 2026 and MCRC No. 8899 of 2026, respectively, vide orders dated 05.10.2026 and the case of the applicant is similar to that of the said co-accused. Accordingly, he prays for grant of bail on the ground of parity.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel would oppose the prayer for grant of bail and submit that the applicant, along with the co-accused, allegedly conspired to impersonate an ACB officer and attempted to extort liquor and money from the complainant by

threatening to implicate him in a false case. She would submit that the allegations are serious and the applicant has one criminal antecedent of the year 2021, therefore, the applicant is not entitled to be released on bail.

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

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, nature and gravity of allegations, the fact that the applicant has been in judicial custody since 28.07.2026, the investigation has been completed and the charge-sheet has already been filed, as well as the fact that similarly situated co-accused, namely Saurabh Prajapati and Ranjit Gupta, have already been granted bail by this Court in MCRC No. 7964 of 2026 and MCRC No. 8899 of 2026 vide orders dated 05.10.2026 and also considering the criminal antecedent of the applicant as stated by learned State counsel, thus this Court is of the view that the applicant is also entitled to be released on bail on the ground of parity.

7. Accordingly, the bail application of the applicant is **allowed**. 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 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.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
Judge

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