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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9549 of 2026

- Rahul Kumar Mahant S/o Shri Surendra Kumar Mahant, Aged About 22 Years R/o Village Balamgoda, Police Station Kotrarod, District Raigarh (C.G.)

...Applicant

versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Range Cyber, District Bilaspur (C.G.)

... Non-applicant

For Applicant	:	Mr. Hemant Tolani, Advocate
For Non-Applicant	:	Mr. Sumit Singh, Addl. A.G.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

29.10.2026

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. 04/2024 registered at Cyber Police Station, District : Bilaspur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 420, 34, 109 and 201 of Indian Penal Code and Section 66-D of Information and Technology Act.

2. The prosecution story in brief is that the complainant lodged a written report on 20.06.2024 to the effect that, between 06.06.2024 and 13.06.2024, the holder of mobile No. 8179093754 and WhatsApp No. 9043932735 added him to various WhatsApp and Telegram groups on the pretext of earning money by submitting reviews, and thereafter induced him to engage in online trading through the CoinDCX platform. The complainant deposited Rs. 25,60,257/- into various bank accounts with Federal Bank and DBS Bank from his own and his father's SBI accounts. When the money so deposited was not refunded, he lodged an FIR. During the course of investigation, one Sadanand Mahant was arrested, who implicated the present applicant in the case.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has not personally obtained any monetary benefit, or other advantage through the alleged cyber fraud, and that he has no acquaintance or connection whatsoever with the co-accused persons. He further submits that the charge-sheet has been filed, the applicant has no criminal antecedents but he is languishing in jail since 19.03.2026, and the conclusion of the trial may take some time; therefore, he prays for the grant of regular bail to the present applicant.

4. On the other hand, the learned State counsel opposes the bail application of the present applicant and submits that the applicant is involved in cyber fraud and managed the various account

holders through whom huge sums were siphoned in the said fraud; therefore, he is not entitled to be released on bail.

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

6. It appears that the complaint regarding cyber fraud was lodged on 20.06.2024. During the course of the investigation, one Sadanand Mahant was taken into custody, who implicated the present applicant by outlining his alleged role in the offence. However, no financial benefit has been attributed to the applicant, and he has no criminal antecedents. Moreover, as the charge-sheet has already been filed, the applicant has been in custody since 19.03.2026, and no further custodial interrogation is required, this Court is of the view that the applicant deserves to be enlarged on bail. Accordingly, this 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/-** to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, he shall be released on bail on the following conditions:-

(a) he shall make himself available for interrogation by the police officer as and when required;

(b)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; and

(c) he shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to a fair and expeditious trial.

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

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
JUDGE

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