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**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR**

**MCRC No. 9512 of 2026**

**1 -** Charitar S/o Chullu Aged About 37 Years R/o Village Khatvabardar, P.S. Pasta Tehsil Balrampur District Balrampur Ramanujganj Chhattisgarh.

**2 -** Surajlal S/o Sataram Aged About 19 Years R/o Village Khatvabardar, P.S. Pasta, District Balrampur Ramanujganj Chhattisgarh.

**... Applicants**

**versus**

State Of Chhattisgarh Through- S H O. P.S. Game Range Balrampur, Semarsot, Sanctuary, (As Per F I R), District Balrampur Ramanujganj Chhattisgarh.

**... Respondent(s)**

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| For Applicants | **:** | Shri Pushkar Sinha, Advocate |
| For Respondent(s) | **:** | Ms. Laxmeen Kashyap, Panel Lawyer |

**Hon’ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey**

**Order on Board**

**02/11/2026**

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 Forest Crime No. 19798/20 registered at Police Station Game Range, Balrampur, Semarsot Sanctuary, District- Balrampur-Ramanujganj (C.G.) for the offences punishable under Sections 9, 27(4), 29, 39, 51(1), 52 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The applicant is in custody since 06.08.2026.

2. The prosecution case, in brief, is that on 05.08.2026, on receipt of secret information, it was alleged that the accused person assaulted a Barking Deer with a wooden stick, causing its death, and concealed the carcass in the bushes for its meat. On the basis of that, offence has been registered under aforesaid sections.

3. Learned counsel for the applicants submits that the applicants are innocent and have been falsely implicated in the case. No hunting tool, weapon, or illicit wildlife meat has been recovered or seized from the conscious possession of either of the applicants. The alleged recovery has purpotedly been made from open bushes. The actual fact is that on the date of alleged incident, a domestic goat was slaughtered in the village and its meat was distributed and the applicants were merely carrying their lawful share of domestic goat meat to their home. It is argued that the applicants are in jail since 06.08.2026, the investigation has been completed, the charge-sheet has already been filed. The applicants are ready to abide by all stringent terms and conditions that may be imposed by this Court, and there is no likelihood of absconding or

tampering with evidence; thus, the applicant may be enlarged on regular bail.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the bail application and submits that the applicants are involved in the commission of a serious offence relating to the hunting of protected wildlife. It is further submitted that the applicants were involved in killing a Barking Deer and concealing its carcass in the bushes for its meat. Considering the nature and gravity of the offence, the applicants are not entitled to be enlarged on regular bail.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material available on record.

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, the allegations against the applicants are that they assaulted a Barking Deer with a wooden stick, causing its death, and thereafter concealed its carcass in the bushes for the purpose of obtaining its meat. The allegations, prima facie, indicate the involvement of the applicants in an offence relating to the hunting of wildlife.

7. In view of the aforesaid discussion, I am not inclined to allow this application. Accordingly, the instant bail application is **rejected**.

SD/-

(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)

- **JUDGE**

Madhurima