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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9474 of 2026

Chetan Singhal S/o Praveen Singhal Aged About 22 Years R/o Of Village - Anjoripali, Tahsil - Kharsia District Raigarh (C.G.)

... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station-Dabhra, District Sakti (C.G.)

... Respondent(s)

For Applicant	**:**	Shri Amit Singh Chauhan, Advocate
For Respondent(s)	**:**	Shri Vivek Sharma, Panel Lawyer

Hon’ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

28/10/2026

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. 357/2026 registered at Police Station Dabhra, District Sakti (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections331(3), 305 of BNS, 2023. The applicant is in custody since 20.09.2026.

2. The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 20.09.2026, the complainant, Mohan Lal Lahre, lodged a written complaint at Police Station Dabhra alleging that, on the same day, he and his family members had gone to Village Bhanetar to perform worship. Upon returning home, they found that the gate of the house had been broken and was open. When the complainant entered the house, he found that the gold ornaments kept in the almirah had been stolen. At that time, one person was coming out of the house. The complainant chased and apprehended the said person, who is the present applicant, and thereafter took him to Police Station Dabhra.

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 investigation has been completed and the charge-sheet has already been filed, he has been languishing in custody since 20.09.2026, and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time; thus, the applicant may be enlarged on regular bail.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the bail application and submits that the applicant was apprehended by the complainant while

allegedly coming out of the complainant's house after the commission of theft. Considering the nature of the allegations, learned State counsel prays for rejection of the bail application.

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

6. Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, the nature of the allegations, the fact that the investigation has been completed and the charge-sheet has already been filed, and the period of custody undergone by the applicant since 20.09.2026, this Court is of the view that the applicant can be enlarged on regular bail. The conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time, and further detention of the applicant is not warranted at this stage. Accordingly, without commenting on the merits of the case, this Court is inclined to allow the bail application. Accordingly, the bail 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