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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9657 of 2026

1 - Kajuram S/o Masru Ram Aged About 47 Years R/o Village Rengatola, Police Station Aundhi, District Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki Chhattisgarh

2 - Raghuram S/o Maniram Aged About 23 Years R/o Village Rengatola, Police Station Aundhi, District Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki Chhattisgarh

3 - Rahul S/o Sukruram Aged About 25 Years R/o Village Rengatola, Police Station Aundhi, District Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki Chhattisgarh

... Applicants

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versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Forest Range Office South Manpur, Sub-Range Aundhi, District Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki Chhattisgarh

... Non-Applicant

For Applicants	:	Shri Tanuj Patweardhan, Advocate.
For Non-Applicant/State	:	Shri Sourabh Sahu, Panel Lawyer

(HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE RAKESH MOHAN PANDEY)

Order on Board

29/10/2026

1. The **First Bail application** having been dismissed for want of prosecution vide order dated 23.09.2026 passed by this Court in MCRC No.8929/2026, this is the **Second Bail application** filed under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicants, who have been arrested in connection with Forest Crime No.14998/03 registered at Forest Office/Police Station Forest Range Office, South Manpur, Sub-Range Aundhi, P.S. Aundhi, District Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki (C.G.), for the

offence punishable under Sections 2, 9, 50 & 51 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (for short, the W.P.Act, 1972).

2. As per the case of the prosecution, on secret information, forest officials conducted a search in the house of applicant No.1 Kajuram on 06.08.2026 and recovered 1.5 kilograms of cooked meat along with axe. It is alleged that the present applicant had killed Sambar Deer in the field of applicant No.1 and subsequently cooked it. Thereafter, F.I.R. was registered for commission of offence, as stated above.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant would argue that the applicants are innocent persons and they have falsely been implicated in the case; charge-sheet has been filed; applicants No.2 & 3 have no criminal antecedents whereas against applicant No.1, there is one case registered under Section 33 of the Indian Forest Act in the year 2024; they are in jail since 07.08.2026. It is also argued that though the piece of seized meat was sent for F.S.L. examination, but there is no report to connect the said meat with the meat of wild Sambar Deer; conclusion of the trial is likely to take some considerable time. Therefore, he would pray that the bail application may be allowed and the applicants may be enlarged on bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State would oppose the submissions advanced by the learned counsel for the applicant. He would submit that present applicants killed a wild Sambar Deer and cooked it and meat was recovered by the forest officials from the house of applicant No.1. It is also argued that applicant No.1 has one criminal antecedent and looking to the seriousness of the offence, the bail application deserves to be rejected.

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

case diary.

6. Having considered the fact that there is no F.S.L. report to connect the recovered meat with the meat of wild Sambar Deer; charge-sheet has already been filed; applicants are in jail since 07.08.2026; applicant No.1 has one criminal antecedent registered under Section 33 of the Indian Forest Act way back in the year 2024 whereas applicants No.2 & 3 have no criminal antecedents and conclusion of trial may take some considerable time, without making any observation on merits of the matter, I am inclined to grant bail to the applicants. Accordingly, the instant bail application is **allowed.**

7. It is directed that the applicants shall be released on bail on each of them furnishing a **personal bond** in sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety each in the like sum to the satisfaction of the Court concerned with 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 him 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 him by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

8. The observation made herein above is for the purpose of deciding this bail application only and the trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
JUDGE

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