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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9472 of 2026

Gopi Nishad S/o Shatruhan Nishad Aged About 35 Years R/o Village Jhenjhari, O.P. Jewra, P.S. Pulgaon, District Durg Chhattisgarh

... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The S H O, Police Station Khairagarh, District Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai Chhattisgarh

... Respondent(s)

For Applicant	**:**	Shri Akash Shrivastava, Advocate
For Respondent(s)	**:**	Shri Kanwaljeet Singh Saini, Dy. G.A.

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. 282/2026 registered at Police Station Khairagarh, District Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 318(4), 319(2) and 3(5) of BNS, 2023. The applicant is in custody since 22.07.2026.

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 21.7.2026, complainant Jamun Nishad (Mitanin) lodged a written complaint at Police Station Khairagarh alleging that from February 2026 onwards, phone calls were received from mobile numbers impersonating as officials from the Upper Collectorate office. The callers threatened local mitanins that the Ayushman cards of villagers needed an immediate district update from Rajnandgaon to Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai, failing which government benefits would be discontinued. Pursuant to the above, camps were organized in various villages wherein operators styling themselves as representatives sent by the Collectorate allegedly collected Rs. 50/- per beneficiary for upgrading Ayushman Card. It was alleged that the co-accused persons namely Sammi@ Monu Singh Rajput and Shubhlayak Rajput collected approximately Rs. 4,00,000/- from around 6000 villagers.

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 22.07.2026, 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 is involved in the alleged offence of collecting money from villagers by falsely representing that the Ayushman Cards required updating in the newly formed district of Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai. It is further submitted that the co-accused persons allegedly collected approximately Rs. 4,00,000/- from around 6,000 villagers by charging Rs. 50/- per beneficiary under the pretext of updating their Ayushman Cards. Considering the nature and gravity 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 22.07.2026, 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