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**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR**

**MCRCA No. 1696 of 2026**

**1 -** Indramani Seth S/o Shri Ashok Kumar Aged About 45 Years R/o 415, Tartala, Post Sadar Husainabad, Distt- Jaunpur Uttar Pradesh

--- **Applicant**

**versus**

**1 -** State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station City Kotwali Bilaspur, Distt- Bilaspur (C.G.)

--- **Respondent**

(Cause title is taken from CIS system)

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For Applicant : Mr. Shyam Sunder Lal Tekchandani, Advocate

For Respondent/State : Mr. Ramnarayan Sahu, Dy.G.A.

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**Hon'ble Shri Justice Parth Prateem Sahu**

**Order On Board**

**26/10/2026**

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of anticipatory bail to the applicant who is apprehending his arrest in connection with Crime No. 235/2025 registered at Police Station – City Kotwali, Bilaspur District – Bilaspur (C.G.) under Sections 318 (4) and 3 (5) of BNS.

2. As per the prosecution case, on 28.04.2025, at about 11:30 a.m., co-accused persons namely, Malti Soni, Poonam Soni and Shyama Soni,

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visited the jewellery shop of the complainant, Nikhil Soni, and allegedly obtained genuine gold ornaments weighing 42.3 grams worth Rs. 4,41,572/- by exchanging them with fake gold ornaments. During the course of investigation, co-accused Malti Soni was arrested and, in her disclosure statements, she stated that fake gold ornaments was purchased from the present applicant.

3. Learned counsel for applicant submits that applicant is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. There is no involvement of the applicant in commission of offence. Applicant is in the business of imitation jwellery shop at Jaunpur. He has been made accused only on the basis of memorandum statement of co-accused Malti Soni. There is no other criminal antecedents against applicant. Hence, it is prayed that applicant may be extended the benefit of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the submission of learned counsel for applicant. He submits that in memorandum statement of co-accused Malti Soni it has come that article which has been exchanged with complainant is purchased from applicant and thereby there is involvement of applicant in the commission of crime. He however do not dispute the submission of learned counsel for applicant that applicant has no criminal antecedents.

5. I have heard learned counsel for parties and perused the documents placed on record.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegation, submission made by learned counsel for respective parties, without commenting anything on merits of the case, I am inclined to release the applicant on anticipatory bail.

7. Accordingly, the anticipatory bail application is allowed. It is directed that in the event of arrest of the applicant in connection with the aforesaid offence, he shall be released on anticipatory bail by the officer arresting him on his executing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned arresting officer. Applicant shall also abide by the following conditions:-

(i) that the applicant shall make himself available for interrogation before the investigating officer as and when required;

(ii) that the applicant 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/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;

(iii) that the applicant shall not act, in any manner, which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial; and

(iv) that the applicant shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

Certified copy as per rules.

**Sd/-**
**(Parth Prateem Sahu)**
Judge

**Balram**