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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9557 of 2026

- Anshuman Singh S/o Satyendra Singh, Aged About 28 Years R/o Ward No. 48 Lodhipara, Sarkanda, Bilaspur, District- Bilaspur (C.G.) (Applicant Father's Name Wrongly Mentioned In Annexure A/1)

... Applicant

versus

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

... Non-applicant

For Applicant	:	Mr. Sushil Dubey, Advocate
For Non-Applicant	:	Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh Saini, Dy.G.A.

Hon’ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

29.10.2026

1. This is the First bail application filed under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant who has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 51/2026 registered at Police Station : Farasgaon, District : Kondagaon (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B and 34 of Indian Penal Code.

2. The prosecution story in brief is that the complainant lodged a written report on 19.04.2026 to the effect that, between 01.07.2023 and 18.10.2023, the main accused, Ajay Kumar Nag, induced him to take loans from different banks on the assurance that 65% of the loan liability would be borne by him, the said amount would be invested in the share market, and he would repay the EMIs. The allegation against the present applicant, who is a bank employee, is that he assisted the main accused, tampered with the addresses of the victims on their Aadhaar cards, facilitated loans for them, and received a 2% commission. On the basis of the complaint, the police registered an offence as stated above and arrested the applicant on 04.07.2026.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the present case solely on the basis of the memorandum statements of the co-accused persons. He further submits that although the prosecution has reported that the applicant has two live criminal antecedents of a similar nature pending against him, copies of the corresponding FIRs have been placed on record, which clearly show that the applicant is not a named accused in either of the FIRs. He contends that the co-accused persons, namely Sunit Kishore Barwa and Ajay Kumar Nag (the main accused), have been granted anticipatory bail by the coordinate Bench in MCRC/1351/2026 and MCRC/1392/2026. He further contends that the charge-sheet has already been filed,

the applicant has been in jail since 04.07.2026, and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time; therefore, he prays for the grant of regular bail to the present applicant.

4. On the other hand, the learned State counsel opposes the bail application of the present applicant and submits that applicant has two live criminal antecedents of similar nature, therefore, he is not entitled for grant of regular bail.

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

6. From a careful perusal of case diary, it is quite vivid that applicant was not initially named in the FIR and he was implicated in the present case on the basis of memorandum statements of the named accused persons. The prosecution has reported that the applicant has two live criminal antecedents of a similar nature pending against him, copies of the corresponding FIRs have been placed on record, which clearly show that the applicant is not a named accused in either of the FIRs.

7. Pertinently, the named accused persons Sunit Kishore Barwa and Ajay Kumar Nag (main accused) have already been granted anticipatory bail by co-ordinate Bench in MCRC/1351/2026 and MCRC/1392/2026. Also considering the fact that the investigation is complete, charge-sheet has been filed, the applicant is in custody since 04.07.2026 and the trial is likely to take

considerable time, without commenting on the merits of the case, this Court is of the considered opinion that it is a fit case to allow the application on the ground of parity. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed.

8. It is directed that in the event of the applicant executing a personal bond for a sum of **Rs. 50,000/-** to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, he shall be released on bail on the following conditions:-

(a) he shall make himself available for interrogation by the police officer as and when required;

(b)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; and

(c) he shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to a fair and expeditious trial.

The observation made hereinabove is for the purpose of deciding this bail application only, the learned trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
JUDGE

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