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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9674 of 2026

Pooja Gupta D/o Mahesh Gupta Aged About 18 Years R/o Ward No. 02, Adarsh Printing Press Gali No. 01, Rudrapur Camp, P.S. Taranjit Camp, Distt. Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand.

... Applicant(s)

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Police Station Nagarnar, Distt. Bastar, Chhattisgarh.

... Non-Applicant(s)

For Applicant	:	Mr. Pravin Kumar Tulsyan, Advocate.
For Non-Applicant/State	:	Ms. Laxmin Kashyap, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Mr. Rakesh Mohan Pandey, Judge

Order on Board

30/10/2026

1. The applicant has preferred this first bail application under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of regular bail, as she has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 190/2025, registered at Police Station Nagarnar, District Bastar (C.G.), for the offence punishable under Section 20(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

2. As per the prosecution case, in brief, on the basis of secret information received by Assistant Sub-Inspector Mahendra Singh

Thakur, the police conducted a search at Dhanpunji Forest Check Post, NH-63 Main Road, and allegedly seized a total of 12.455 kilograms of ganja from a plastic bag from the possession of the applicant. Consequently, the aforesaid offence was registered against the applicant and after completion of the investigation, charge-sheet was filed before the competent Court.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He would further submit that the alleged contraband seized from the possession of the applicant is less than the commercial quantity. He would also submit that the applicant has no criminal antecedents and she is a lady, charge-sheet has already been filed and she is in judicial custody since 23.08.2025 and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time. Accordingly, he prays for grant of regular bail to the applicant.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel would oppose the prayer for grant of bail and submit that, though the applicant has no criminal antecedents and the quantity of contraband seized from her possession is less than the commercial quantity but looking to the nature of the offence, she is not entitled to be released on bail.

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

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, nature and gravity of the allegations levelled against the applicant, the fact that the applicant has no criminal antecedents, the quantity of

contraband seized from her possession is less than the commercial quantity, charge-sheet has already been filed before the competent Court, the applicant is in jail since 23.08.2025 and the fact that the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, thus without further commenting upon the merits of the case, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the applicant.

7. Accordingly, the bail application of the applicant is **allowed**. 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, she shall be released on bail on the following conditions:-

(i) she 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 her from disclosing such fact to the Court;

(ii) she shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial, &

(iii) she shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to her by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
Judge

Kunal