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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9832 of 2026

1 - Trilochan Kandamaka S/o Chitru Kandamaka Aged About 23 Years R/o Village- Sikobandha, P.S.- Vishamkatak, District Raighada (Odissa)

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... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station- G.R.P. Raipur, District- Raipur (C.G.). **... Non-Applicant**

For Applicant **:** Mr. Bharat Gulabani, Advocate
For Non-Applicant/State **:** Ms. Laxmin Kashyap,Panel Lawyer

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Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

05.11.2026

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. 57/2026 registered at Police Station G.R.P. Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 20(B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 22.04.2026, the police personnel of Police Station G.R.P. Raipur received secret information that one person was in possession of contraband (Ganja) under the

foot overbridge at Platform No. 7. Acting upon said information, the police party intercepted and apprehended the applicant and allegedly recovered 05 packets containing a total of 10.570 kg of Ganja from his possession. Consequently, Crime No. 57/2026 was registered against the applicant for the offence under Section 20(B) of the NDPS Act, and he was arrested.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the alleged offence. It is further submitted that the seized quantity of Ganja (10.570 kg) is an intermediate quantity, which is below the commercial quantity, and therefore the stringent bar under Section 37 of the NDPS Act is not attracted. The applicant has no criminal antecedents, he is languishing in jail since 23.04.2026, and conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time; thus, it is prayed that the applicant may be enlarged on regular bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel appearing for the State opposes the bail application and submits that contraband Ganja weighing 10.570 kg has been recovered from the possession of the applicant, and therefore he does not deserve to be released on bail.

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

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly considering that the seized contraband (10.570 kg Ganja) is an intermediate quantity, and the statutory rigors of Section 37 of the NDPS Act do not apply; the applicant has no previous criminal antecedents; the applicant is in judicial custody since 23.04.2026; conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time; without commenting on the merits of the case, this Court is inclined to grant regular bail to the applicant. Accordingly, the bail application 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.

   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

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