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# HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

## MCRCA No. 1722 of 2026

- Chitrendra Verma S/o Pramod Kumar Verma, Aged About 35 Years R/o. Maldi Thana- Suhela, Distt-Baloda Bazar- Bhatapara (C.G.)

**... Applicant**

**versus**

- The State Of Chhattisgarh Through Thana -Suhela, Distt- Baloda Bazar-Bhatapara (C.G.)

**... Respondent**

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| For Applicant | : | Mr. Samir Singh, Advocate |
| For Respondent-State | : | Ms. Prachi Singh, Panel Lawyer |

**Hon'ble Shri Parth Prateem Sahu, Judge**

**ORDER ON BOARD**

**27/10/2026**

1. Applicant has preferred this application under Section 482 of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail as he apprehends his arrest in connection with Crime No. 09/2026 registered at Police Station- Suhela, District Balodabazar-Bhatapara (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 61(2)(b), 308(4), 126(2), 351(3), 190, 191(2), 111 of Bhartiya Nyaya Samhita, 2023.

2. Case of prosecution, in brief, is that on 12.01.2026, complainant Brajesh Kumar Dubey lodged a report alleging that accused Dilip Verma, posing as a labour union president, along with his associates, unlawfully assembled at the factory gate, threatened contractual workers, disrupted industrial operations and forcibly stopped work. They allegedly intimidated workers and contractors, extorted money and threatened to kill those who refused to comply. On the basis of the complaint,

aforementioned crime was registered. During investigation, the site map was prepared and statements of the complainant and witnesses were recorded. Based on which, main accused, Dilip Verma, was arrested on 17.01.2026, and his memorandum statement was recorded, and Section 111 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, was subsequently added.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that applicant has not committed any offence as alleged against him. He has been made accused only on the basis of memorandum statement of co-accused Dilip Verma. He submits that Dilip Verma extended the benefit of regular bail by co-ordinate Bench of this Court in MCRC No. 4557 of 2026 vide order dated 14.05.2026. Hence, applicant may be granted anticipatory bail.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the submission of counsel for applicant. Upon putting query to learned State counsel with regard to mentioning of name of applicant in the complaint/ report, she submits that though many of the persons have been named in the complaint, however, name of applicant has not mentioned. She does not dispute the submission of learned counsel for applicant that applicant has been made accused after recording of memorandum statement of co-accused Dilip Verma, and he has been enlarged on regular bail.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the respective parties and also perused the documents enclosed along with bail application.

6. On due consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegation, submission of learned counsel for the parties and further considering that co-accused Dilip Verma who is named in the F.I.R. has been enlarged on regular bail in the aforementioned crime, without commenting anything on merits, I am inclined to allow this anticipatory bail application.

7. Accordingly, application is allowed and it is directed that in the event of arrest of applicant in connection with the crime in question (09/2026), he shall be released on anticipatory bail by the Officer arresting him on his executing a personal bond in the sum of ₹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 Investigation 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.

8. Office is directed to send a certified copy of this order to the trial Court concerned for necessary information and compliance forthwith.

**Sd/-**

(**Parth Prateem Sahu**)
**JUDGE**

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