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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9699 of 2026

Bulu Badhai S/o Shri Bhikari Badhai Aged About 26 Years R/o Village Kukarimunda, Thana Buden, Distt- Bargarh (Orissa) **... Applicant**

versus

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State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Bhatgaon Distt- Sarangarh-Bilaigarh (C.G.) **... Respondent**

For Applicant	:	Shri Prakhar Dashore, Advocate.
For Respondent/State	:	Ms. Ankita Shukla, Panel Lawyer

(HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE RAKESH MOHAN PANDEY)

Order on Board

30/10/2026

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. 139/2026 registered at Police Station Bhatgaon, District Sarangarh-bilaigarh (C.G.), for the offence punishable under Sections 20 (B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (for short, the NDPS Act) against the present applicant.

2. The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 03.08.2026, the Police on the basis of secret information, intercepted the vehicle Activa bearing registration No.CG-12-BV-7563 being driven by the co-accused persons, namely, Vijay Kumar Palkar and Smt. Ranjita Dubey

and after search, seized 9.295 kilograms of contraband ganja,. Thereafter, the police completed investigation in accordance with the provisions of NDPS Act and registered offence. The present applicant has been arrested on the basis of memorandum statement of the co-accused persons.

3. Learned Counsel for the applicant would submit that the alleged contraband article i.e., ganja was seized from the Activa vehicle being driven by the co-accused persons; the applicant has no criminal antecedent; name of the applicant has surfaced on the basis of memorandum statement of co-accused; the applicant is in jail since 02.09.2026; charge-sheet has been filed and further, conclusion of the trial is likely to take some considerable time. Therefore, he would pray that the application may be allowed and the applicant may be enlarged on bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State would oppose the bail application and argue that the applicant and other co-accused persons were transporting the contraband ganja illegally on a motorcycle. It is also submitted that the police searched and seized total ganja weighing 9.295 kilograms from the possession of the present applicant and co-accused persons, therefore, the present applicant is not entitled for grant of regular bail in the present case.

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

6. Having considered the fact that the alleged contraband ganja, which is of intermediate quantity, was seized from the possession of co-accused

persons, namely, Vijay Kumar Palkar and Smt. Ranjita Dubey; the applicant has no criminal antecedents; name of the applicant has surfaced on the basis of memorandum statement of co-accused; charge-sheet has already been filed; the applicant is in jail since 02.09.2026 and further, conclusion of the trial is likely to take some considerable time, I am inclined to grant bail to the applicant. Accordingly, the instant bail application is **allowed.**

7. It is directed that the applicant shall be released on bail on his furnishing a **personal bond** in sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the Court concerned with the 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, &

he shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

8. The observation made herein above is for the purpose of deciding this bail application only and the trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
JUDGE

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