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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRCA No. 1742 of 2026

Ranjita Verma W/o Tukeshwar Sinhg Verma Aged About 39 Years Presently Working As Secretary Gram Panchayat Alda, R/o Goverdhan Nagar Ward, No. -14, P.S. Tilda Newra Tehsil Tilda, District Raipur Chhattisgarh. **... Applicant**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through- Station House Officer, Tilda, Newra, District Raipur Chhattisgarh. **...Respondent**

For Applicant	: Mr. A.V. Shridhar, Advocate.
For Respondent-State	: Ms. Sunita Manikpuri, Govt. Advocate.

Hon'ble Shri Parth Prateem Sahu, Judge

ORDER ON BOARD

02/11/2026

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. 279/2026 registered at Police Station - Tilda, Newra, District Raipur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 318(4) of the BNS.

2. The prosecution case, in brief, is that an inquiry was conducted by the Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat, Tilda, Newra District Raipur (C.G.), on 22.06.2026, regarding the proceedings of Gram Panchayat Alda, Tehsil Tilda, Newra pursuant to a proposal relating to Balaji Sponge and Power Private Limited. During the inquiry, it was allegedly found that the last two lines of the relevant proceedings in the

proceeding register of Gram Panchayat Alda had been subsequently inserted by some unknown person, allegedly in connection with the grant of No Objection/Consent in favour of the said industrial establishment. On the basis of the said allegations, an FIR was registered against unknown persons.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present crime. He further submits that the applicant is working as a Panchayat Secretary and, as per the allegations, some interpolation was made in the resolution passed by the Gram Sabha on 22.10.2024. He further submits that after the recording of the proceedings of the Gram Sabha, the Sarpanch took the register and kept it with him for a couple of days. Therefore, the alleged interpolation may be some other person and not by the present applicant. He also submits that the applicant is a government servant and, therefore, prays for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the application and submits that, as per the allegations, the members of the Gram Sabha had not given their consent for the installation of a steel plant. However, subsequently, by making an interpolation in the proceedings of the Gram Sabha, permission was shown to have been granted for the same. He further submits that the applicant was working as the Panchayat Secretary at the relevant time and, therefore, her involvement in the commission of the crime cannot be ruled out.

5. Upon putting a specific query to learned counsel for the State as to whether the handwriting of the applicant and the proceedings of the Gram Sabha have been sent to an expert for comparison, she submits that no such report is available in the case diary as of now and that the matter is still under investigation.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the respective parties.

7. On due consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegation, submission of learned counsel for the parties, without commenting anything on merits, I am inclined to allow this anticipatory bail application.

8. Accordingly, application is allowed and it is directed that in the event of arrest of applicant in connection with the crime in question (279/2026), he shall be released on anticipatory bail by the Officer arresting him on his executing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.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;
(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.

9. 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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