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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9908 of 2026

1 - Raviraman Kesariya S/o Shyam Kesariya Aged About 26 Years R/o Ward No 07 Chandani Chowk Police Station Arujnda, P.S. Arjunda District Balod, (C.G.) (Applicant Details Not Mentioned In The Impugned Order Sheet) (Applicant Details Mentioned From The Charge Sheet)

... Applicant

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Balod, District Korba (C.G.)

… Non-applicant

For Applicant	**:**	Mr. Muchkund Sharma, Advocate
For Non-applicant /State	**:**	Mr. Akash Agrawal, P.L.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

05/11/2026

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 he has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 430/2026 registered at Police Station Balod, District Balod (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 20(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (hereinafter, “NDPS Act”).

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 13/08/2026, the police conducted a raid on account of information received from an informer and seized 1.086 kgs of Ganja in total from the joint possession of co-accused persons namely Prem Deshmukh and Monu Yadav. In their memorandum statements, the co-accused persons have stated that they purchased the said contraband from the present applicant. Thereafter, the police registered an FIR against the present applicant and he was arrested on 15/08/2026.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the applicant, would submit that the applicant is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the present case. He would further submit that the seized contraband article, i.e., 1.086 kg of Ganja, is of intermediate quantity (less than commercial quantity) and the same was seized from the possession of the co-accused persons. He would also submit that the applicant has two criminal antecedents registered in the years 2016 and 2021 and both of them have been disposed of. He would lastly contend that the charge-sheet has already been filed and the applicant has been in judicial custody since 15/08/2026,

and since the conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time, the applicant may be enlarged on regular bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel appearing for the non-applicant/State, would oppose the bail application and submit that intermediate quantity of contraband Ganja was recovered from the joint possession of the co-accused persons and on the strength of their memorandum statement, applicant has been implicated on the ground that co-accused persons purchased the said ganja from the present applicant, and he also has two previous criminal antecedents; thus, he is not entitled to be released on regular bail.

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

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly that the seized contraband article (1.08 kgs of Ganja) is of intermediate quantity and it was seized from the possession of co-accused persons further considering that charge-sheet has already been filed, the applicant has two previous criminal antecedents registered in 2016 and 2021 and both of them have been disposed of, he is in judicial custody since 15/08/2026, and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, this Court is inclined to enlarge the applicant on regular bail. 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.

8. 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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