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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9912 of 2026

1 - Bedkumar Patel S/o Parasram Patel, Aged About 29 Years R/o Medhapali Police Station Saraipali District Mahasamund (C.G.)

... Applicant

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Of Police Station Sankara, District Mahasamund (C.G.)

... Non-applicant

For Applicant	:	Ms. Gunja Taram, Advocate
For Non-applicant /State	:	Mr. Sharad Mishra, 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. 134/2026 registered at Police Station Sankara, District Mahasamund (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 27/07/2026 the police conducted a raid on account of information received from an informer and seized 7.200 kgs of Ganja in total from two co-accused persons namely Jhaskumar Sahu and Neel Sagar Sahu. On the basis of their memorandum statements, the present applicant has also been implicated. Thereafter, the police registered an FIR against the applicant and he was arrested on 11/09/2026.

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., 7.200 kg of Ganja, is of intermediate quantity (less than commercial quantity) and it has been seized from the possession of co-accused persons namely Jhaskumar Sahu and Nilsagar and they have already been enlarged on bail by this Court vide order dated 12/10/2026 passed in MCRC/9080/2026. He would also submit that the applicant has no previous criminal antecedents, charge-sheet has already been filed and the applicant has been in judicial custody since 11/09/2026, 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 the allegation against the present applicant is that he was also involved in selling of the contraband along with co-accused persons; thus, he is not entitled to be released on regular bail. However, she admits that the charge-sheet has already been filed before the competent Court.

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 (7.200 kgs of Ganja) is of intermediate quantity, which is below commercial quantity and it was seized from the possession of co-accused persons namely Jhaskumar Sahu and Nilsagar and they have already been enlarged on bail by this Court vide order dated 12/10/2026 passed in MCRC/9080/2026; further considering that charge-sheet has already been filed, the applicant has no criminal antecedent, he is in judicial custody since 11/09/2026, 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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