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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9876 of 2026

- Rajendra Yadav S/o Khelawan Yadav Aged About 23 Years (Wrongly Mentioned In The Ordersheet As Bilawan Yadav) R/o- Village- Jhulna, Police Outpost Maro, Police Station Nandghat, District Bemetara, Chhattisgarh

--- **Applicant**

versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh, Through Station House Officer, Police Station Nawagarh, District Bemetara, Chhattisgarh

--- **Non-applicant**

WITH

MCRC No. 9677 of 2026

- Dharnidhar @ Vinod Yadav S/o Dhaniram Yadav Aged About 48 Years R/o Village Dongariya Khurd, P.S. Kunda, Tahsil Pandariya, Distt. Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh.

---**Applicant**

Versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, P.S. Navagarh, Police Outpost Sambalpur, Distt. Bemetara, Chhattisgarh.

--- **Non-applicant**

WITH

MCRC No. 10118 of 2026

- Jaypal Sahu S/o Rajesh Sahu Aged About 28 Years R/o Village Jhulan / Jhulna, Polie Outpost Maro, Police Station And Tehsil Nandghat, District Bemetara Chhattisgarh.

---**Applicant**

Versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through- Station House Officer,police Outpost Sambalpur Police Station Nawagarh, District Bemetara Chhattisgarh.

--- **Non-applicant**

For Applicants	:	Ms. Pratibha Sahu, Advocate **(in MCRC/9876/2026)** Mr. Kishore Narayan, Advocate **(in MCRC/9677/2026)** Mr. Rahul Ambast, Advocate **(in MCRC/10118/2026)**
For Non-Applicant	:	Mr. Sourabh Sahu, P.L.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

03.11.2026

1. These are the first bail applications filed under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicants who have been arrested in connection with Crime No. 216/2026 registered at Police Station Nawagarh, District Bemetara (C.G.), for the offence punishable under Sections 4, 6 and 10 of Chhattisgarh Agricultural Cattle Preservation Act, 2004 r/w Section 11(1)(D) of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and Section 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that Police Station Nawagarh received secret information regarding the illegal transportation of cattle in a vehicle. Acting upon that information, the police intercepted a pick-up truck bearing registration No. CG 25 L 7556 and found five buffalo calves loaded in a congested manner. The vehicle was being driven by applicant Jaypal Sahu, with applicant Rajendra Yadav seated as the conductor/cleaner.

Accordingly, the aforesaid case was registered against them, and during the course of the investigation, they disclosed the name of applicant Dharnidhar @ Vinod Yadav as the purchaser of the said cattle.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the respective applicants jointly submit that the applicants have been falsely implicated in the present case, as the cattle were being transported solely for agricultural purposes, and there is nothing on record to demonstrate that they were intended for slaughter. It is further submitted that applicant Dharnidhar @ Vinod Yadav had purchased the said cattle from applicant Rajendra Yadav for valid consideration, and owing to familial relations between them, applicants Jaypal Sahu and Rajendra Yadav were traveling together in the vehicle. They contend that applicants Dharnidhar @ Vinod Yadav and Rajendra Yadav have no criminal antecedents, while applicant Jaypal Sahu has two prior cases which are not of a similar nature. It is also submitted that the charge-sheet has already been filed, the applicants have been in custody since 23.09.2026 and 24.09.2026 respectively, and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time. On these grounds, they pray for grant of regular bail to the applicants.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail applications and submits that the applicants were actively involved in the illegal transportation of cattle for the purpose of

slaughter. He further submits that one of the applicants has two pending criminal antecedents; therefore, the applicants are not entitled to be enlarged on bail.

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

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the allegations levelled against the applicants, and the fact that applicants Dharnidhar @ Vinod Yadav and Rajendra Yadav have no criminal antecedents while applicant Jaypal Sahu has two antecedents which are not of a similar nature; further considering that the charge-sheet has already been filed before the competent court, the applicants have been in judicial custody since 23.09.2026 and 24.09.2026 respectively, and conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, this Court is of the view that the applicants are entitled to be released on bail.

7. It is directed that in the event of the applicants executing a personal bond for a sum of **Rs. 50,000/-** to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, they shall be released on bail on the following conditions:-

(a) they shall make themselves available for interrogation by the police officer as and when required;

(b) they 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; and

(c) they shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to a fair and expeditious trial.

The observation made hereinabove is for the purpose of deciding these bail applications only, the learned trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
JUDGE

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