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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRCA No. 1814 of 2026

- Khushboo Pal D/o Late Vijay Pal Aged About 23 Years R/o Village Telsara, Police Station And District Surajpur (C.G.).

... Applicant

versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Station Pratappur, District Surajpur (C.G.).

... Respondent

For Applicant	:	Mr. Syed Mohd. Sohail Afzal, Advocate
For Respondent-State	:	Mr. H.A.P.S. Bhatia, Govt. Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Parth Prateem Sahu, Judge

ORDER ON BOARD

30/10/2026

1. Applicant has preferred this application under Section 482 of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail as she apprehends her arrest in connection with Crime No. 282/2026 registered at Police Station- Pratappur, District Surajpur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 318(4), 338 and 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyaya Samhita, 2023.

2. Case of prosecution, in brief, is that complainant Lalit Ram lodged a written report alleging that accused Nilesh Pal, Hemant Mishra and applicant, posing as police personnel and an SECL officer, respectively, induced him to pay ₹3,55,000/- on the false promise of securing him a job as a Data Entry Operator. They allegedly provided him with a forged appointment letter and collected the amount through online payments and a bank account belonging to Khushboo Pal's mother. On the basis of

the complaint, aforementioned crime was registered. During investigation, accused Nilesh Pal was arrested and, upon interrogation, allegedly admitted that he, along with present applicant and Hemant Mishra, had impersonated an SECL officer to dupe the complainant.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that applicant is a lady, she has been made accused only on the ground that she accompanied with co-accused and main accused Nilesh Pal. He also submits that applicant is not involved in any manner in commission of aforesaid crime. There is no criminal antecedent against applicant, hence, he may be granted anticipatory bail.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the submission of counsel for applicant and would submit that according to the complaint when co-accused Nilesh Pal approached the complainant and has convinced him that he could provide job, applicant was also present there. He further submits that amount of ₹3,55,000/- was deposited by complainant in the account of co-accused Nilesh Pal and the said accused person has already been arrested.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the respective parties and also perused the documents enclosed along with bail application.

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

7. Accordingly, application is allowed and it is directed that in the event of arrest of applicant in connection with the crime in question (282/2026), she shall be released on anticipatory bail by the Officer arresting her on her executing a personal bond in the sum of ₹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 herself 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; and

(iv) that the applicant shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to her by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

8. 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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