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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRCA No. 1832 of 2026

- Raj Kumar Lakda S/o Shri Amal Sai Aged About 31 Years R/o Village Kachar, Police Station - Dhaurpur, District Surguja Chhattisgarh

... Applicant

versus

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Baikunthpur, District Koriya Chhattisgarh

... Respondent

For Applicant	:	Mr. Pawan Shrivastava, Advocate
For Respondent-State	:	Mr. H.A.P.S. Bhatia, Dy. 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. 301/2026 registered at Police Station- Baikunthpur, District Koriya (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 318(4), 351(3), 61(2) and 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyaya Samhita, 2023.

2. Case of prosecution, in brief, is that on 30.09.2026 the complainant Santosh Sarthi lodged a first information report at Police Station- Baikunthpur, stating that co-accused namely Anuradha Bhagat demanded Rs. 15,00,000/- from the complainant for providing job to him on the post of Hostel Superintendent. Prior to starting of examination on demand of Anuradha, complainant gave total of Rs. 12,55,000/- in cash, and on 28.03.2025 he deposited Rs. 40,000/- in the bank account of

Rajkumar i.e. present applicant (husband of Anuradha), and on 14.11.2024 he deposited Rs. 20,000/- in the bank account of Jokhan Lal (Father of Anuradha), then Rs. 40,000/- and 14,000/- in cash and in the bank account of Dr. Prakash Anant through the UPI. Thereafter, on 05.01.2025 he came with Anuradha at Murli Hotel-Katghora to meet with Dr. Prakash Anant, where he given assurance to give appointment soon. But when he was not appointed, he requested to refund his money but they did not refund his money. On the basis of complaint, aforementioned crime was registered.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that applicant has been falsely implicated in the crime. According to the allegation, applicant allured the complainant of providing government job and on her pretext complainant deposited amount of Rs. 40,000/- only in the account of applicant through UPI. He submits that applicant at no point of time has interacted with complainant neither there is such allegation against him. Applicant is government servant working as Constable in Chhattisgarh Arms Force. 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 on the pretext of providing government job, accused procured Rs. 13,69,000/-.

5. On putting specific query as to applicant has ever contacted to complainant and has convinced him of providing job, he submits that there is no such allegation. He also submits that Rs. 40,000 is deposited in the account of applicant through UPI.

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

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 (301/2026), he shall be released on anticipatory bail by the Officer arresting him on his 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 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; and

(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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