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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRCA No. 1818 of 2026

1 - Santosh Singh Kshatriya S/o Lukau Singh Kshatriya Aged About 57 Years R/o Behind Kalika Hotel, Dabripara, Ward No. 16, Nagar Panchayat Naila- Janjgir, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.)

... Applicant

Versus

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

... Non-applicant

For Applicant	:	Mr. Amiyakant Tiwari, Advocate
For Non-applicant	:	Mr. H.A.P.S. Bhatia, Government Advocate

S.B.: Hon'ble Shri Parth Prateem Sahu, Judge

ORDER ON BOARD

05/11/2026

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. 0388/2026 registered at Police Station- Champa, District – Janjgir - Champa (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 318 (4), 338, 336 (3), 340 (2), 3 (5) of the BNS, 2023.

2. Case of prosecution, in brief, is that, s that the applicant, along with co-accused Sandeep Kumar Thakur, in furtherance of their common intention, allegedly committed forgery in respect of land bearing Khasra No. 958, admeasuring 0.05 acre, situated at Village Champa, P.H. No.

07, Tahsil Champa, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.), which was originally recorded in the name of Gokul, S/o. Negi, in the Adhikar Abhilekh of the year 1954-55. The revenue records were manipulated by substituting the name of Gokul, S/o. Negi, with that of Gokul Bhoi, S/o. Jogi Bhoi, who, by using an altered Aadhaar Card and claiming himself to be the Power of Attorney Holder, executed a registered sale deed dated 19.02.2026 in favour of co-accused Sandeep Kumar Thakur. The applicant, who was posted as Incharge, Record Room, Kanungo Office was implicated in the crime on the basis of the allegations regarding manipulation of the revenue records, particularly the Sanshodhan Panji of 1958-59. Thus, the applicant was also made accused in the aforementioned crime against which, he is apprehending his arrest.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that the applicant is innocent. He has been falsely implicated in the crime. He has not committed any offence as alleged. He submits that the applicant is a government servant and is posted as Incharge, Record Room, Kanungo Office. Applicant has no role to play in commission of the aforementioned office. There is no apprehension of his absconding and he will participate in the investigation and co-operate in the trial. There are no criminal antecedent registered against the applicant. Hence, he may be enlarged on bail.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the submission of counsel for applicant and would submit that as per the allegation, by producing Gokul Bhoi and interpolating his Aadhar Card, got executed forged power of attorney in favour of the co-accused Santosh Yadav, pursuant to that power of attorney, the land recorded in the name of Gokul Soni, S/o. Negi has been sold to Sandeep Thakur. However, he do not dispute the submission of counsel for the applicant that the applicant

is having no other criminal antecedent and he is posted as Incharge, Record Room, Kanunga Office.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the respective parties.

6. On due consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegation, submission of learned counsel for the parties, applicant is a government servant, there is no other criminal antecedent against him, 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, 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;

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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