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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRCA No. 1904 of 2026

Rajkumar Pradhan S/o Shri Hitlal Pradhan, Aged About 53 Years Resident Of Gram Kharkhari, Post Singhoda, District Mahasamund (CG)

--- **Applicant (s)**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Police Station Saraipali, District-Mahasamund (C.G)

--- **Respondent(s)**

MCRCA No. 1757 of 2026

Shyam Sundar Patel S/o Shri Punit Lal Patel Aged About 48 Years Resident Of Vinayak Vihar Ward No. 12 Basti, Saraipali, Mahasamund District Mahasamund (C.G.)

--- **Applicant (s)**

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Police Station Saraipali, Dist. Mahasamund (C.G.)

--- **Respondent(s)**

For Applicants	:	Mr. Manay Nath Thakur, Advocate
For State	:	Ms. Sunita Manikpuri, Dy. A.G.

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

Order On Board

05/11/2026

1. Since MCRCA No.1904 of 2026 (second bail application) and MCRCA No. 1757 of 2026 arise out of the same crime number,

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both the applications are being heard together and are being disposed of by this common order.

2. Both the applications have been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of anticipatory bail to the applicants who are apprehending their arrest in connection with Crime No. 289 of 2026 registered at Police Station- Saraipali, District – Mahasamund (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 120-B, 409, 420, 467, 468, 471 of Indian Penal Code.

3. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that a complaint was made by Avinash Sharma, Nodal Officer, District Cooperative Central Bank Limited, Branch Toresinha before the Police Station Saraipali alleging that on the basis of forged and fabricated documents of land, total KCC loan amounting to Rs.1,77,00,000/- was sanctioned in the name of 57 farmers of Sahkari Samiti, Kena by the District Cooperative Central Bank Limited, Branch Toresinha. It is further alleged that the said KCC loan amount was disbursed by Samiti Incharge, Kena namely Bhishmadev Patel for the period from 01.04.2023 to 30.09.2023.

4. Learned counsel for the applicants would submit that the applicants are the Supervisor working in Jila Sahakari Bank and they have not committed any offence alleged. If they are not extended the benefit of anticipatory bail, it will adversely affect their service career.

5. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the submission of counsel for applicants and would submit that applicants being Supervisor of the Bank have wider role to play to verify the contents of application Form. According to preliminary report submitted by three Members Committee, it has come that applicants, without verifying the facts, have mentioned that contents of application Form are correct and based upon which loan was sanctioned.

6. At this stage, upon putting a query to learned counsel for the State as to whether amount of loan sanctioned by Bank has been re-paid or not, she submits that according to case diary, entire amount of loan has been re-paid.

7. Learned counsel for the applicants would submit that some of the co-accused persons namely Khileshwar Sahu and Heerasingh Dhruv have been extended benefit of anticipatory bail vide order dated 13.10.2026 passed in MCRCA No.1629 of 2026 and MCRCA No. 1678 of 2026. Case of the applicants herein are on similar footing, therefore, they may also be extended benefit of anticipatory bail.

8. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the documents available on record.

9. On due consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegation, submission of learned counsel for the parties, considering that applicants are the employees of the

Bank and co-accused persons namely Khileshwar Sahu and Heerasingh Dhruv have already been extended benefit of anticipatory bail in MCRCA No.1629 of 2026 and MCRCA No. 1678 of 2026 respectively, without commenting anything on merits of the case, I am inclined to allow these anticipatory bail applications.

10. Accordingly, both the applications are allowed and it is directed that in the event of arrest of applicants- **Rajkumar Pradhan** and **Shyam Sundar Patel** in connection with the aforesaid crime, they shall be released on anticipatory bail by the Officer arresting them on each of them executing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.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 applicants shall remain available for interrogation before the Investigating Officer as and when required;
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> (ii) 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 from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer."

Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-
(Parth Prateem Sahu)
Judge

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