

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****CRA No. 203 of 2026****VINOD PATEL *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH****Order Sheet**

21.01.2026	Heard Ms. Divya Sahu, learned counsel for the appellant and Mr. Sourabh Sahu, learned Panel Lawyer, appearing for the State/respondent. The matter has been listed in default. Admit. Since Mr. Sourabh Sahu, learned Panel Lawyer, has already appeared on behalf of the respondent/State, issuance of fresh notice to the respondent is dispensed with. The State is directed to file its reply/objection to I.A. No.01, an application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail, within a period of two weeks, and shall



also inform this Court about the criminal antecedents of the appellant, if any.

Learned State counsel is also directed to inform the mother of the victim (PW-4) regarding pendency of the appeal revealing that he/she can appear on the date fixed and object the prayer made in the bail application through his/her counsel.

The Lower Court Record be summoned within a period of six weeks.

Let the paper-book be filed in accordance with the High Court Rules, 2007.

List this matter thereafter for consideration of I.A. No.01, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail.

In the meanwhile, the defects pointed out by the Registry be cured by the learned counsel for the appellant.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

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