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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

Order Sheet

CRA No. 1325 of 2016

Sunil Choudhary S/o Suresh Choudhary, Aged About 19 Years R/o Village Mahrajpur, Police Station Sahebganj, District Rajmahal, Jharkhand.

---- Appellant

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Station G.R.P. Thana, Durg, District Durg, Chhattisgarh., Chhattisgarh

----Respondent

22/07/2019	Ms. Shivangi Dubey, Advocate for the appellant. Mr. Sameer Behar, Panel Lawyer for the State. Heard on I.A. No.1 of 2018, which is an application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail. Counsel for the appellant submits that the appellant in the present case has been convicted for the offence under Section 20(B)(ii)(b) of Narcotic Psychotropic Substance Act and has been sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 8 years, of which he has already undergone more than half of the sentence. She further submits that the appeal is of the year 2016 and there is no likelihood of an early final disposal, and thus prayed for grant of bail to the appellant. The State counsel opposing the bail application submits that taking into consideration the gravity of the offence, the appellant do not deserve grant of bail at this juncture.



Having heard the contentions of the counsel for the parties, considering the duration of the custody and the fact that the appeal is of the year 2016 and there is no likelihood of early final disposal of the appeal, this Court is of the opinion that a prima facie a strong case has been made out for suspension of sentence and grant of bail to the appellant. Accordingly, I.A. No. 01 of 2018 for suspension of sentence and grant of bail stands allowed.

It is directed that the substantive jail sentence imposed upon the appellant shall remain suspended during the pendency of this appeal and he shall be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety each in like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court. The appellant is directed to appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the appeal.

List this appeal for final hearing in due course.

**Sd/-
(P. Sam Koshy)
JUDGE**