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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR**MCRC No. 680 of 2026**

- 1** - Pankaj Vaswani S/o Santosh Vaswani Aged About 24 Years R/o Sindhi Colony, Jarhabhata, P.S. Civil Lines, Dist. Bilaspur (C.G.).
- 2** - Dipanshu Gupta S/o Dileep Gupta Aged About 23 Years R/o Village Manoharpur, Dist. Bhum, Jharkhand.
- 3** - Pratik Soni S/o Dharmdas Soni Aged About 20 Years R/o Sindhi Colony, Jarhabhata, P.S. Civil Lines, Dist. Bilaspur (C.G.).
- 4** - Sandeep Amrani S/o Late Devanand Amrani Aged About 30 Years R/o Beside Shiv Talkies, Camp Umaria, P.S. Kotwali, Dist. Katni (M.P.).
- 5** - Ankul Mishra S/o Kaushlesh Mishra Aged About 21 Years R/o Manoharpur, Dist. Bhum, Jharkhand.
- 6** - Ravi Sajnani S/o Hiranand Sajnani Aged About 36 Years R/o Green Orchid, Daldal Sevni, P.S. Pandri, Dist. Raipur (C.G.).
- 7** - Tajul Masih S/o Hidayat Masih Aged About 42 Years R/o Katib Batala, P.S. Gurdaspur, Dist. Gurdaspur, Punjab Present R/o Camp 02, Shardapara, Sindhi Chowk, Bhilai, Dist. Durg (C.G.).
- 8** - Kushal Sahu S/o Pakalu Sahu @ Ramdev Sahu Aged About 24 Years R/o Ward No. 12, P.S. Chakrabhata, Dist. Bilaspur (C.G.).
- 9** - Jeet Singh S/o Pradeep Singh Aged About 25 Years R/o Camp-01, Steel Nagar, Bhilai, P.S. Chawni, Dist. Durg (C.G.).
- 10** - Sujal Ruprela S/o Late Purshottam Ruprela Aged About 19 Years R/o Near Om Hospital, Changorabhata, P.S. Dd Nagar, Dist. Raipur (C.G.).



11 - Anurag Dahariya S/o Umesh Dahariya Aged About 25 Years R/o Shrivastava Colony, P.S. Kodipura, Dist. Chhindwara (M.P.).

12 - Hardeep Singh S/o Sukhpal Singh Aged About 19 Years R/o In Front Of Station Manoharpur, P.S. Manoharpur Dist. Singh Bhumi, Jharkhand.

13 - Bhanu Singh Rajput S/o Sanjeev Singh Aged About 25 Years R/o Village Baipur, P.S. Sikandara, Dist. Agra (U.P.) (Details As Per Rejection Order Dated 12.12.2025)

... Applicants

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through - Station House Officer (S.H.O.) P.S. - Devendra Nagar, Dist. - Raipur (C.G.)

... Respondent

For Applicants : Mr. Devershi Thakur, Advocate

For State/Respondent : Mr. Vinod Tekam, G.A.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Ravindra Kumar Agrawal, J.

Order on Board

20/01/2026

1. This is the second bail application of the applicants. The first bail application of the applicants have been dismissed on merits by this Court vide order dated 17.09.2025 passed in MCRC No. 6390/2025.
2. The applicants are claiming regular bail who have been arrested on 15.04.2025 (as per the charge-sheet "16.04.2025") in connection Crime No. 73/2025 registered at Police Station Devendra Nagar, District- Raipur for the offences under Sections 318(4), 61(2), 112(2) of BNS, 2023, Section 4(a) of the Public Gambling Act, and Section 7 of the Chhattisgarh Gambling



(Prohibition) Act, 2022 and Section 25(C) of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885.

3. The prosecution's case in brief is that, on 13-04-2025, the police of Devendra Nagar, Raipur, received secret information that the co-accused Nikhil Wadhwani is engaged in online gambling. They conducted a raid and arrested Nikhil Wadhwani, who disclosed that he is engaged in playing online gambling through the "Rajveer online book" through his mobile Nos. 7987974436 and +94725211590. On being interrogation, he also disclosed the mobile numbers of others who are connected through other states of the country, i.e. 6263232022, 6238190441, 9669096065 and 7997009800. Based on the information, the police conducted raid at Ashiyana Apartment, Kolkata (W.B.) and arrested Pankaj Waswani, Dipanshu Gupta, Prateek Soni, Sandeep Amrani, Ankush Mishra and Roshan Kumar Thakur. From Tulsi Apartment, Kolkata (W.B.), they have arrested Ravi Sajnani and Taju Masih. From Mahendri Apartment, Beltola, Guwahati (Assam), they have arrested Kushal Sahu, Jeet Singh, Sujal Ruprela, Anurag Daharia, Hardeep Singh and Bhanupratap Singh Rajput. From Rajpur Road, Dehradun (Uttarakhand), they have arrested Rahul Sahu @ Bhari, Anand Kumar Das, Divya Chandrawanshi, Toshan Dewangan, Devesh Kumar and Sameer Singh Thakur. From Devendra Nagar, Raipur, they have arrested Saif Ali @ sobu. All of them were engaged in online betting apps and gambling. There are 23 accused persons arrested, and some are still absconding.



4. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that after rejection of the first bail application of the applicants on 17.09.2025, the co-accused persons Saif Ali and Roshan Kumar Thakur have approached before the Hon'ble Supreme Court by filing their SLP (Criminal) No. 16447/2025 and SLP (Criminal) No. 17655/2025, in which vide order dated 01.12.2025, these two accused persons have been granted bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The case of the present applicant is also similar to those two accused persons who have been granted bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, therefore, the present applicants have filed their second bail application.
5. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the submissions made by learned counsel for the applicants and submits that the case of those two accused persons Saif Ali and Roshan Kumar Thakur are distinguishable with the allegation of the present applicant. From accused **Pankaj Waswani**, 01 Laptop, 14 mobile phones, and 08 bank passbooks have been seized. From accused **Dipanshu Gupta**, 01 Laptop, 02 mobile phones, 08 bank passbooks, and 05 ATM cards have been seized. From accused **Prateek Soni**, 03 mobile phones, 04 bank passbooks, and 05 ATM cards. From accused **Sandeep Amrani**, 04 mobile phones, 04 bank passbooks, and 07 ATM cards have been seized. From accused **Ankur Mishra**, 01 Laptop, 04 mobile phones, 02 bank passbooks, 20 ATM cards and 02 Registers in which accounts were maintained, have been seized. From accused **Ravi**



Sajnani, 14 mobile phones, 01 bank passbook, 28 ATM cards, 15 SIM cards, 03 Laptops, 03 Computer Key-Board, 02 Router, 07 mobile/Laptop charger, and 01 Register in which the account of gambling is mentioned. From accused **Taju Masih**, 01 mobile phone, 01 Table Camera, and 03 power extension boards have been seized. From accused **Kushal Sahu**, 08 mobile phones, 01 ATM card have been seized. From accused **Jeet Singh**, 01 Laptop, 05 mobile phones, 02 bank passbooks have been seized. From accused **Sujal Ruprela**, 01 Laptop, 05 mobile phones, and 02 bank passbooks have been seized. From accused **Anurag Daharia**, 06 mobile phones, 01 ATM card and 06 SIM cards have been seized. From accused **Hardeep Singh Mehra**, 05 mobile phones, 02 bank passbooks, 01 Router have been seized. From accused **Bhanupratap Singh**, 05 mobile phones, 01 ATM card and 01 Cheque Book have been seized. He would also submits that looking to the nature of offence and the alleged syndicate of the accused persons and also that the first bail application of the applicants have been dismissed on merits, therefore, they are not entitled for bail.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material annexed with the bail application.
7. Considering the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, considering the nature of allegation and also considering the fact that the first bail application of the applicants have been



dismissed on merits, second bail application of the co-accused Divya Chandrawanshi has already been dismissed by this Court vide order **dated 14.01.2026** passed in **MCRC No.510 of 2026** and the allegation of their involvement in the alleged syndicate of the accused persons in playing online gambling, I am not inclined to consider any change in circumstances. The two accused persons who have been granted bail by Hon'ble Supreme Court, from whom only the mobile phone have been seized, therefore, their case is distinguishable from the present applicants.

8. Accordingly, the second bail application of the applicants is dismissed at the motion stage.

Sd/-

(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)

Judge

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