



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRA No. 181 of 2026

Thagendra Kumar Sahu S/o Narendra Kumar Sahu, Aged About 24
Years R/o Village Mohandipath P.S. Arjunda, District- Balod (C.G.)

... Appellant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through P.S. Arjunda, District- Balod (C.G.)

... Respondent

Order Sheet

24/02/2026	Shri Prasoon Agrawal, counsel for the Appellant. Ms. Priya Sharma, PL for the State/Respondent. Heard on IA No.01/2026, an application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail. The accused/Appellant has been convicted vide judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 05.01.2026 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, FTSC (POCSO), Balod, District Balod in Special Sessions Case (POCSO) No.92/2024 for the offence under Sections 74 and 75(3) of BNS, 2023 as also
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under Section 8 of the POCSO Act and sentenced to undergo RI for 3 years with a fine of Rs. 1,000/- under Section 74 of the BNS, 2023; RI for 1 year with a fine of Rs. 1,000/- under Section 75(3) of the BNS, 2023; and RI for 3 years with a fine of Rs. 1,000/- under Section 8 of the POCSO Act, with usual default stipulations.

Learned counsel for the accused/Appellant submits that during the course of trial, the Appellant remained in jail for a period of 1 month and 4 days. It is further submitted that the fine amount has already been deposited and after passing of the judgment, the Appellant is on bail. It is contended that the present Appeal is not likely to be heard in the near future and its final disposal will take considerable time, therefore, he may be enlarged on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application.

Victim, along with her mother, has appeared through DLSA, Balod and raised objection with regard to granting bail to the Appellant.

Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, submission of learned Counsel for the parties, further considering that the Appellant was in jail during trial for the period mentioned above and that the fine has been deposited after judgment and he was bailed out, without further

commenting anything on merits, I am inclined to suspend the jail sentence imposed on him and grant him bail.

Accordingly, IA No.01/2026 is **allowed** and it is directed that the substantive jail sentence imposed upon the Appellant shall remain suspended during the pendency of the Appeal and he shall be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned Court for his appearance before the Registry on **15th of May, 2026** and thereafter before the concerned Court below on all such dates as may be given to him till final disposal of this Appeal.

Post the matter for final hearing after 6 weeks.

Sd/-

(Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal)
Judge