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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 845 of 2026

Pradeep Kumar Baghel S/o Khikram Baghel Aged About 35 Years Posted As Sub-Engineer, Rural Engineering Services, R/o Govt. Quarter G Type, R.E.S. Colony, Chhindgarh, Distt. Sukma, C.G. (Credential Of Applicant Is Not Mention In Impugned Order)

... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through P.S.-A.C.B./E.O.W. Raipur, Distt. Raipur, Chhattisgarh (Unit Jagdalpur), C.G.

... Respondent

For Applicant : Shri Hemant Gupta, Advocate.

For : Shri Priyank Rathi, G.A.

Respondent/State

Hon'ble Mr. Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Order on Board

23/01/2026

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of regular bail to the applicant who has been arrested in connection with Crime No.65/2025 registered at Police Station A.C.B. / E.O.W. Raipur, District - Raipur, C.G. (Unit Jagdalpur) C.G. for the offence punishable under



Section 7 of P.C. Act, 1988.

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the applicant is posted as Sub-Engineer in R.E.S. at Chhindgarh, District Sukma, and the complainant 'Maniram' is posted as Panchayat Secretary. Upon the successive application for valuation of 2 meter culvert construction he gave Rs.30,000/- as gratification to the applicant at his house. Based on demand the complainant paid Rs.30,000/- afterward the trap team of ACB reached & arrested the applicant and thereby the F.I.R. no 65/2025 was registered against applicant
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and he has falsely been implicated in this case. He would submit that there is no case of demand made by the applicant and his hand was not colored when the sodium test was conducted by the ACB. He would submit that the money whatsoever recovered was from the desk and the applicant has not touched it even. He would submit that the applicant has already been suspended from service. He would submit that charge sheet has been filed in this case, the applicant is in jail since 17/11/2025 and conclusion of trial will take some time, therefore, he prays for grant of bail to the applicant.
4. On the other hand, learned State Counsel opposes the bail application and he would submit that charge sheet has been filed in this case before the competent court.
5. I have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.
6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, submission of learned counsel for the parties, considering the fact that



the applicant has already been suspended from service, period of detention of the applicant since 17/11/2025, charge sheet has been filed and also considering the fact that trial is likely to take some time for its conclusion, therefore this Court is of the view that the applicant is entitled to be released on bail in this case.

7. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed and it is directed that the Applicant- **Pradeep Kumar Baghel**, involved in Crime No.65/2025 registered at Police Station A.C.B. / E.O.W. Raipur, District - Raipur, C.G. (Unit Jagdalpur) C.G. for the offence punishable under Section 7 of P.C. Act, 1988, be released on bail on his furnishing a **personal bond** with **two sureties** in the like sum to the satisfaction of the Court concerned with the following conditions:-

(i) The applicant shall file an undertaking to the effect that he shall not seek any adjournment on the dates fixed for evidence when the witnesses are present in court. In case of default of this condition, it shall be open for the trial court to treat it as abuse of liberty of bail and pass orders in accordance with law.

(ii) The applicant shall remain present before the trial court on each date fixed, either personally or through his counsel. In case of his absence, without sufficient cause, the trial court may proceed against him under Section 269 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iii) In case, the applicant misuses the liberty of bail during trial and in order to secure his presence, proclamation under Section 84 of BNSS. is issued and the applicant fails to appear before the court on the date fixed in such proclamation, then, the trial court



shall initiate proceedings against him, in accordance with law,
under Section 209 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iv) The applicant shall remain present, in person, before the trial court on the dates fixed for (i) opening of the case, (ii) framing of charge and (iii) recording of statement under Section 351 of BNSS. If in the opinion of the trial court absence of the applicant is deliberate or without sufficient cause, then it shall be open for the trial court to treat such default as abuse of liberty of bail and proceed against him in accordance with law.

8. Office is directed to send a certified copy of this order to the trial Court for necessary information and compliance.

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
CHIEF JUSTICE