

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****MCRC No. 990 of 2026**

1 - Karan Singh Son Of Gopal Singh Aged About 47 Years R/O Village Chitaura, Thana-Sukhi, District Sagar (M.P.)

2 - Kunwar Singh Son Of Rama Ahirwar Aged About 46 Years R/o Village Guraiya, Thana-Sukhi, District Sagar (M.P.)

... Applicants

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Singhoda, District Mahasamund (C.G.)

... Non-applicant(s)

Order Sheet

13/02/2026	Heard Ms. Anjali Pradhan, learned counsel for the applicants. Also heard Ms. Smriti Shrivastava, learned Panel Lawyer appearing for the non-applicant/State. Learned counsel for the applicants submits that the applicants have been in jail since 08.09.2021. She also submits that from perusal of the order-sheet of the concerned trial Court that only three prosecution
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witnesses, out of fifteen witnesses cited in the charge-sheet, have been examined so far. Learned counsel for the applicants also submits that, as per the order-sheet dated 16.01.2026, four prosecution witnesses, namely Smaran Kumar and Patwari Meghnath Bariha, were directed to appear on 12.02.2026, whereas Satish Kumar Ramteke and R. Gulochandra Verma were directed to appear on 13.02.2026, and bailable warrants were issued against them for securing their appearance on 12.03.2026 and 13.03.2026, respectively.

Learned counsel further submits that one of the co-accused has already been enlarged on bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (Crl.) No. 18873 of 2025, vide order dated 05.01.2026, on the ground of long incarceration and the status of the trial. He submits that the allegation against the applicants is that they were found in possession of 100 kilograms of ganja in a vehicle along with the said co-accused. Considering the period of incarceration of the applicants since 08.09.2021, and the fact that the co-accused, namely Fakir Rajhans, has already been granted bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, it is submitted that the present applicants are also entitled to



be granted regular bail on the ground of parity.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application but does not dispute the fact that, till date, only three out of fifteen prosecution witnesses have been examined.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the documents appended thereto.

Considering that the applicants have been in custody since 08.09.2021 and that only three out of fifteen prosecution witnesses have been examined so far, and further taking note of the order-sheet dated 16.01.2026 regarding the summoning of the remaining prosecution witnesses and issuance of bailable warrants, I am inclined to grant ad-interim bail to the applicants for a period of three months from the date of their release from jail on each of them furnishing a bail bond of Rs. 25,000/- with two local sureties in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

The Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh is directed to ensure the presence of all prosecution witnesses before the learned trial Court.

Let the matter be listed again on 01.04.2026 for



further consideration and the learned Trial Court is directed to send a report regarding the progress of the trial by the next date of hearing.

Registrar (Judicial) is directed to communicate this order to the trial Court and with Director General of Police, Raipur, Chhattisgarh for necessary information and compliance forthwith.

Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-

**(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice**