

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****CRA No. 456 of 2026****Ashok Kumar Sahu *Versus* State of Chhattisgarh****Order Sheet**

25/04/2026	Heard Mr. Shishir Dixit, learned counsel for the appellant as well as Ms. Palak Dwivedi, learned Panel Lawyer, appearing for the State/respondent. IA No. 02 of 2026 is an application for condonation of delay of 16 days in preferring the appeal. Since the learned State counsel has no objection if delay in filing the appeal is condoned as the accused has statutory right to file an appeal and cause shown by the appellant in filing the appeal beyond the time appears to be satisfactory, we allow the application and condone the delay in filing the present appeal.

Admit.

Since Ms. Pakal Dwivedi, learned Panel Lawyer has put in appearance on behalf of the State/respondent, there is no need to issue fresh notice to the respondent.

The State may file its reply/objection to I.A. No. 01 of 2026, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail within a period of two weeks.

Trial Court record has already been received.

Let the paper book be prepared in accordance with the High Court Rules, 2007.

List the matter after eight weeks for consideration on I.A. No.01 of 2026, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail.

Sd/-

(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

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(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice