



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRA No.302 of 2026

1 - Hemant Sahu S/o Late Gangaram Sahu Aged About 32 Years R/o Village Bilari, Thana Shivrinarayan, District Janjgir-Champa C.G.

2 - Tarachand Sahu S/o Gajadhar Sahu Aged About 29 Years R/o Village Bilari, Thana Shivrinarayan, District Janjgir-Champa C.G.

3 - Dhuniram Sahu S/o Late Birbal Prasad Sahu Aged About 45 Years R/o Village Bilari, Thana Shivrinarayan, District Janjgir-Champa C.G.
... Appellants

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Shivrinarayan, District Janjgir-Champa C.G.
... Respondent

Order Sheet

24/02/2026	Shri Vikas Kumar Pandey, counsel for the Appellants. Shri Aman Tamrakar, PL for the State/Respondent. Heard on IA No.01/2026, an application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail. The accused/Appellants have been convicted vide judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated

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12.01.2026 passed by the learned Special Judge, SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Janjgir, District Janjgir-Champa in Special Sessions Trial No. 53/2023 for the offences under Section 294 of the IPC; Sections 3(1)(द) and 3(1)(ध) of the SC & ST Act; Section 3(2)(v-क) of the SC & ST Act; and Section 323 (two counts) of the IPC. They have been sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 1,000/- each under Section 294 of the IPC; to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 6 months with a fine of Rs. 1,000/- each under Section 3(1)(द) of the SC & ST Act; to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 6 months with a fine of Rs. 1,000/- each under Section 3(1)(ध) of the SC & ST Act; to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 6 months with a fine of Rs. 1,000/- each under Section 3(2)(v-क) of the SC & ST Act and to pay a fine of Rs. 2,000/- each under Section 323 (two counts) of the IPC, with usual default stipulations.

Learned counsel for the accused/Appellants submits that during the course of trial, the Appellants were on bail and did not misuse the liberty so granted. It is further submitted that the fine amount has already been deposited. After pronouncement of the judgment, the Appellants have been granted bail for a limited period up to 12.02.2026. 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, the Appellants may be enlarged on bail.

Priya	On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application. The victim, along with her paternal uncle (ताऊजी), has appeared through the DLSA, Janjgir and has raised objection to the grant of bail to the Appellants. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, submission of learned Counsel for the parties, further considering that the Appellants were on bail during trial, without further commenting anything on merits, I am inclined to suspend the jail sentence imposed on them and grant them bail. Accordingly, IA No.01/2026 is allowed and it is directed that the substantive jail sentence imposed upon the Appellants shall remain suspended during the pendency of the Appeal and they shall be released on bail on their furnishing a personal bond of Rs.25,000/- each with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned Court for their appearance before the Registry on 14th of May, 2026 and thereafter before the concerned Court below on all such dates as may be given to them till final disposal of this Appeal. Post the matter for final hearing after 6 weeks. Sd/- (Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal) Judge
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