



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRA No. 414 of 2026

XYZ **versus** State of Chhattisgarh

Order Sheet

24/02/2026	Heard Ms. Astha Shukla, learned counsel for the appellant, and Mr. Shailendra Sharma, learned Panel Lawyer appearing for the State/respondent, on I.A. No. 2 of 2026, an application seeking exemption from filing an affidavit in support of the application for condonation of delay. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and upon consideration of the reasons stated in the application, this Court is of the considered opinion that sufficient cause has been shown. Accordingly, I.A. No. 2 of 2026 is allowed. Also heard on I.A. No. 3 of 2026, which is an

application for condonation of delay of two days in filing the appeal.

Learned State counsel appearing for the respondent/State submits that he has no objection if the delay in filing the appeal is condoned, considering that the accused has a statutory right to prefer an appeal and the cause shown for filing the appeal beyond limitation appears satisfactory.

In view of the above, the delay in filing the present appeal is hereby condoned.

Admit.

Since Mr. Shailendra Sharma, learned Panel Lawyer, has already entered appearance on behalf of the respondent/State, issuance of fresh notice to the respondent is dispensed with.

The State is directed to file its reply/objection to I.A. No. 1 of 2026 (application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail) within a period of two weeks. The State shall also inform this Court

regarding the criminal antecedents of the appellant.

Learned State counsel is further directed to inform the maternal grandmother (PW-2) of the victim about the pendency of the appeal as well as the application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail, so that she may appear on the date fixed and oppose the bail application, if so advised, through counsel.

Summon the Trial Court Record within six weeks.

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

List the matter thereafter for consideration of I.A. No. 1 of 2026 (application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail).

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice