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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 1420 of 2026

Jitesh Das S/o Rakesh Masiha Aged About 35 Years R/o Near Shiv Mandir,
Pandritarai, District Raipur C.G. **... Applicant**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Civil
Lines, District Raipur C.G. **. .. Respondent**

For Applicant	: Shri Abhyuday Tripathi, Advocate.
For	: Shri Soumya Rai, Dy.G.A.
Respondent/State	

Hon'ble Mr. Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Order on Board

16/03/2026

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.44/2025 registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Raipur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 317(2), 317(4), 317(5), 111 & 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that information received through the Cyber Crime Reporting Portal and 1930 Helpline revealed a large-



scale cyber fraud involving 104 bank accounts in Utkarsh Small Finance Bank, Civil Lines Branch, Raipur, allegedly used as mule accounts to receive and transfer proceeds of cyber fraud. On this basis, Crime No. 44/2025 was registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Raipur under Sections 317(2), 317(4), 317(5), 111 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and the investigation was transferred to the Range Cyber Police Station, Raipur. During investigation, it was alleged that several mobile SIM cards were fraudulently activated and used in the operation of the said cyber fraud. The prosecution further alleges that the present applicant, acting as an Airtel agent, facilitated the activation of 40–50 SIM cards in favour of co-accused persons, which were later linked to the alleged fraud.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in this case. It is further submitted that similarly situated co-accused, namely Harmeet Singh @ Yashmit, has already been enlarged on bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 15006/2025 vide order dated 19.11.2025 and further the fact that similarly situated co-accused namely Om Arya has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 27.11.2025 in MCRC No. 9388/2025. He would submit that charge sheet has been filed in this case, the applicant is in jail since 04/07/2025 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 but he do not dispute the fact that co-



accused person has been granted bail by the Supreme Court as also by this 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 and the fact that similarly situated co-accused, namely Harmeet Singh @Yashmit, has already been enlarged on bail by the Supreme Court in Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 15006/2025 vide order dated 19.11.2025 and further the fact that similarly situated co-accused namely Om Arya has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 27.11.2025 in MCRC No. 9388/2025 and further in the present case, charge-sheet has been filed, applicant is in jail since 04/07/2025 and also considering the fact that trial is likely to take some time for its conclusion, without further commenting anything on merits of the case, I am inclined to grant bail to the present applicant on parity.
7. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed and it is directed that the Applicant- **Jitesh Das**, involved in Crime No.44/2025 registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Raipur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 317(2), 317(4), 317(5), 111 & 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, 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