

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****CRA No. 2598 of 2025**

Mohammed Mustkim Sekhani @ Sahil **versus** State of Chhattisgarh

CRA No. 335 of 2026**Order Sheet**

13/04/2026	Heard Mr. Arvind Prasad, learned counsel for the appellant in CRA No. 2598 of 2025, and Mr. Jitendra Nath Nande, learned counsel for the appellant in CRA No. 335 of 2026. Also heard Mr. Priyank Rathi, learned Government Advocate, appearing for the State/respondent in both the appeals. Also heard on I.A. No. 2 of 2026, which is an application seeking condonation of delay of 50 days in filing CRA No. 335 of 2026. Since Mr. Priyank Rathi, learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondent/State, has no

objection to the condonation of delay, and considering that the accused has a statutory right to prefer an appeal, and further that the cause shown for filing the appeal beyond the prescribed period appears satisfactory, the delay of 50 days in filing CRA No. 335 of 2026 is hereby condoned.

Both the appeals are admitted.

As Mr. Priyank Rathi, learned Government Advocate, 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 2025 and I.A. No. 1 of 2026 (applications for suspension of sentence and grant of bail) within a period of two weeks. The learned State counsel shall also inform this Court regarding the criminal antecedents of the appellants.

The trial Court records have already been received. The paper-book has been prepared and is

placed below CRA No. 2598 of 2025.

List these matters thereafter for consideration of I.A. No. 1 of 2025 and I.A. No. 1 of 2026 (applications for suspension of sentence and grant of bail).

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

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(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice