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NAFR**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****MCRC No. 1464 of 2026**

- Purhottam Dewangan S/o Radhelal Dewangan Aged About 21 Years
R/o - Jayanti Nagar Near Karma Bhawan Durg District Durg (C.G.)

... Applicant(s)**versus**

- State of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Civil Line Raipur
Distirct Raipur (C.G.)

... Respondent(s)**(Cause title is taken from Case Information System)**

For Applicant(s) : Mr. F.S. Khare, Advocate

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Soumya Rai, Dy.G.A.

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 on 20.10.2025, a first information report was lodged by the police of police station Range cyber Thana Raipur stating that the accused persons being mail bank account holders/facilitators, knowingly and intentionally



allowed their bank accounts to be used for receiving, concealing and utilizing the proceeds of cyber fraud. As per information received through the "Samanvay" Portal operated by the ministry of Home affairs, Government of India and on the basis of an application from the range cyber Thana Raipur, it was revealed that in Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Branch a total amount Rs. 36,48,448 was obtained through cyber fraud, deposited in 104 bank accounts during period from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024. The said amount was subsequently withdrawn and utilized by the account holders/facilitators who were aware or had sufficient reason to believe that the money was dishonestly obtained through fraudulent means by opening and operating such accounts for the purpose of receiving and laundering cyber fraud proceeds, the accused actively facilitated cyber offences, thereby committed the offence punishable under section 317 (2), 317 (4) 317 (5), 111, 3 (5) of Bhatiya Nayay Sanhita.

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 18/02/2025 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 18/02/2025 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- **Purshottam Dewangan** 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

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