



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR
CRA No. 439 of 2026

1 - Rambhajan Sonwani S/o Late Purushottam Das Sonwani Aged About 54 Years R/o Tendumuda, Post Bajrar, Tehsil Marwahi, District- Gourela-Pendra-Marwahi (C.G.) At Present R/o Government Larangsai P.G. College Ramanujganj, District- Balrampur-Ramanujganj (C.G.)

... Petitioner(s)

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Ramanujganj, District- Balrampur-Ramanujganj (C.G.)

... Respondent(s)

Order Sheet

13/02/2026	Mr. Manoj Paranjpe, Senior Advocate assisted by Mr. Arpan Verma, Advocate for the Appellant. Ms. Swati Raj Gupta, Panel Lawyer for the State. Heard on admission. Admit. Also heard on I.A. No. 01/2026, which is an application under Section 430 of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for suspension of sentence and grant of bail. By the impugned order dated 03.02.2026 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Balrampur Place Ramanujganj

Chhattisgarh in Sessions Trial No.34/2025, the appellant has been convicted as mentioned below :

Conviction	Sentence
Under Section 75(3) of the Bhartiya Nayaya Sanhita, 2023	R.I. for 06 months and fine of Rs.25,000/-, in default of payment of fine amount, additional R.I. for 02 months.
Under Section 79 of the Bhartiya Nayaya Sanhita, 2023	R.I. for 01 year and fine of Rs.25,000/-, in default of payment of fine amount, additional R.I. for 03 months.
Both the Sentences will run concurrently.	

Learned counsel for the appellant submits that the appellant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case. He further submits that the short sentence i.e., R.I. for 01 year has been awarded to the appellant. He next submits that currently the appellant is on bail and he has deposited the imposed fine amount, the appeal is likely to take considerable time for final disposal, therefore, it is prayed that I.A. No. 01/2026 may be allowed and the jail sentence of the appellant may be suspended till the final disposal of the case.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application.

I have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the material available on record.

Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case and the fact that the appellant has already on bail and he has deposited the fine amount imposed upon him, the final disposal of this appeal is likely to take considerable time, therefore, I find it appropriate to allow the application (I.A. No. 01/2026) and suspend the jail sentence of the appellant during pendency of this appeal.

Accordingly, the I.A. No. 01/2026 is **allowed**

The execution of substantive jail sentence imposed upon the appellant shall remain suspended during the pendency of this appeal on executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety for the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court for his appearance before the Registry of this Court on **04.05.2026**. He shall thereafter appear before the trial Court on a date to be given by the Registry of this Court and shall continue to appear there on all such subsequent dates as are given to him by the said Court, till disposal of this appeal.

Saxena	Call for records of the trial Court. List this matter in the month of April, 2026. Sd/- (Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal) Judge
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