



**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR**

**CRA No. 534 of 2026**

**1** - Balakat Ansari S/o Fazil Ansari, Aged About 28 Years, R/o Village Harigawan, Magrharpara, P.S. Raghunathnagar, Distt. Balrampur Ramanujganj, Chhattisgarh.

**2** - Pradeep Kumar Prajapati S/o Bihari Lal, Aged About 27 Years, R/o Village Harigawan, Magrharpara, P.S. Raghunathnagar, Distt. Balrampur Ramanujganj, Chhattisgarh.

**3** - Ramawadh Kushwaha S/o Mohar Ram, Aged About 32 Years, R/o Village Harigawan, Magrharpara, P.S. Raghunathnagar, Distt. Balrampur Ramanujganj, Chhattisgarh.

**... Appellants**

**versus**

**1** - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Sho, Police Out Post Wadrufnagar, P.S. Basantpur, Distt. Balrampur Ramanujganj, Chhattisgarh.

**... Respondent**

**Order Sheet**

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| 24/02/2026 | <p>Mr. Arun Kumar Shukla, Advocate for the Appellants.</p> <p>Mr. Amit Verma, P.L. for the State.</p> <p>Heard on admission.</p> <p>Admit.</p> <p>Also heard on I.A. No. 01/2026, which is an application for suspension of sentence and grant of</p> |
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bail.

By the impugned order dated 22.01.2026 passed by the learned Special Judge (Electricity Act), Balrampur-Ramanujganj (C.G.) in Special Sessions Case (Electricity) No. 04/2021, the appellants have been convicted and sentenced as mentioned below :

| <b>Conviction</b>                            | <b>Sentence</b>                                                                                                                        |
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| Offence under Section 379/34 of IPC          | R.I. for 01 years and fine of Rs.500/-, in default of payment of fine amount, additional R.I. for 01 months. (Each of the appellants)  |
| Offence under Section 136 of Electricity Act | R.I. for 06 months and fine of Rs.500/-, in default of payment of fine amount, additional R.I. for 01 months. (Each of the appellants) |

(Both the sentences were directed to run concurrently)

Learned counsel for the appellants submits that the appellants are innocent and have been falsely implicated in the case. He further submits that the appellants have already served the jail sentence of about 01 month 24 days during trial. He next submits that currently the appellants are on bail and they have 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 appellants 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 appellants have already on bail and they have deposited the fine amount imposed upon them, 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 appellants during pendency of this appeal.

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

The execution of substantive jail sentence imposed upon the appellants shall remain suspended during the pendency of this appeal on executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- each with one surety for the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court for their appearance before the Registry of this Court on **07.05.2026**. They 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

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| <p>Sourabh P.</p> | <p>all such subsequent dates as are given to them by the said Court, till disposal of this appeal.</p> <p>Call for records of the trial Court.</p> <p>List it thereafter.</p> <p>Sd/-</p> <p><b>(Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal)</b><br/><b>Judge</b></p> |
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