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NAFR**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****MCRC No. 1954 of 2026**

Mahendra Sahu S/o Ramlal Sahu, Aged About 42 Years, R/o Ward No. 14
Nagar Panchayat Sakri, Police Station - Sakri, District – Bilaspur, C.G.

... Applicant**versus**

State of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Sakri,
District – Bilaspur, C.G.

... Non-Applicant

For Applicant : Mr. Rahul Goswami, Advocate.

For Non-Applicant/State : Mr. Shailendra Sharma, Panel Lawyer.

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice**Order on Board****15.04.2026**

1. The applicant has preferred this First Bail Application under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail, as he has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 958/2025, registered at Police Station – Sakri, District – Bilaspur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 331(4), 305(A), 3(5) and 307 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
2. The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the applicant, Shivveer Singh, came to the police station and lodged a report stating that he had gone to attend a family marriage function. He left for Bhind, Madhya Pradesh, on 21.12.2025 at 10:30 PM after locking his house and handing over the keys to Jeevan Singh. Thereafter, on 25.12.2025 at about 6:00 PM,

Sunny Vaskar, a resident of the same colony, noticed that the front gate was open and the lights were on. He also saw that the lock on the front door of both houses was broken, the belongings were scattered, and the cupboards were open. The applicant then called Shishupal Bhadoria and Vipin and informed them that he had kept Rs. 15,000 in cash at Vipin Yadav's house and Rs. 5,000 at Shishupal Bhadoria's house. It was reported that unidentified thieves had broken into the houses and stolen the money and other items.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is further submitted that the applicant has neither committed any of the aforesaid offences nor has any role in the alleged incident. It is also submitted that the police have not seized any article from the possession of the applicant. Further, the charge-sheet has been filed. The applicant has four previous criminal antecedents, out of which one has been disposed of and the remaining cases are pending, an explanation thereof has been given in paragraph No. 4(a) of the bail application. Learned counsel further submits that the applicant has been in judicial custody since 17.12.2025. Therefore, it is prayed that the applicant be enlarged on bail.
4. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposed the bail application and submitted that the charge-sheet has been filed. He further submits that the applicant has four previous criminal antecedents, therefore, it is argued that the applicant is not entitled to the grant of bail.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the documents available on record.
6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the

nature and gravity of the allegations levelled against the applicant, and the fact that the charge-sheet has been filed before the competent Court, further the applicant has four previous criminal antecedents, the same have been duly explained in paragraph No. 4(a) of the present bail application, and the applicant is in jail since 17.12.2025, this Court is of the opinion that the applicant is entitled to be released on bail in the present case.

7. Accordingly, the bail application is **allowed**. Let the applicant - **Mahendra Sahu**, involved in Crime No. 958/2025, registered at Police Station – Sakri, District – Bilaspur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 331(4), 305(A), 3(5) and 307 of Bharatiya 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 concerned for necessary information and compliance forthwith.

Sd/-

(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice