



2026:CGHC:17888

NAFR**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****MCRC No. 2069 of 2026**

- Manjala Maliya @ Manj Lal S/o Biju Lal Maliya Aged About 32 Years
R/o Village Matiyari, Ward No. 15, Police Station Sipat, District
Bilaspur Chhattisgarh

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

- The State of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police
Station - Dongaripali, District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Chhattisgarh

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

For Applicant(s) : Ms. Manju Naik, Advocate

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Shubham Bajpai, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice**Order on Board****20.04.2026**

1. The applicant has preferred this First Bail Application under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail, as he has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 05/2026, registered at Police Station – Dongaripali, District – Sarangarh-Bilaigarh (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 20(B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, for short, the NDPS Act.
2. The prosecution story, in brief, is that on 08.01.2026 the Station House Officer Dongripali received information that one black colour

TVSXL Super Vehicle bearing No. CG 10 NA 8747 was going to from Sohela, Odisha to Barmerkela with illegal drug ganja. Based on the above information, the police officer went to the spot near Birnipali barrier. After some time vehicle No. CG 10 NA 8747 was coming from Birnipali Barrier. The police searched the vehicle and founded total of 07 packets of ganja weighing about 06 KG 580 Grams in the vehicle. Hence, this FIR.

3. It has been argued by the learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. It is submitted that the charge-sheet has been filed in this case. It is also submitted that from the possession of the applicant intermediate quantity of the psychotropic substance ganja has been seized, and therefore, it will not attract the rigors of Section 37 of the NDPS Act as the commercial quantity of ganja as prescribed under the schedule is more than 20 kgs and from the possession of the applicant only 06 KG 580 Grams of Ganja has been seized. It is further submitted that there are no any criminal antecedents of the applicant, and he is in jail since 08.01.2026 and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take quite long time. Therefore, he prays for grant of regular bail to the applicant.
4. On the other hand, the learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application and submits that the charge-sheet has been filed in the present case and there are no any criminal antecedents of the applicant. It is submitted that a total of 06 KG 580 Grams of Ganja has been recovered from the possession of the applicant, therefore, this bail application is liable to be rejected.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material

available on record.

6. After hearing the submissions advanced by learned counsel for the parties as well as considering the quantity of Ganja seized from the possession of the applicant i.e. a total of 06 KG 580 Grams, which is less than the commercial quantity. Also considering the fact that charge-sheet has been filed, and further that the applicant is in jail since 08.01.2026 and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take sometime, I am of the opinion that the applicant is entitled to be released on bail in this case.
7. Let the applicant, **Manjala Maliya @ Manjalal** involved in Crime No. 05/2026, registered at Police Station – Dongaripali, District – Sarangarh-Bilaigarh (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 20(B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, for short, the NDPS Act, be released on bail on their 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 provide a certified copy of this order to the trial Court concerned for necessary information and compliance forthwith.

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

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