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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRCA No. 319 of 2026

- Shubham Panigrahi S/o Devendra Panigrahi Aged About 30 Years
R/o Village, Post Police Station Singhoda, Tahsil Saraipali, District
Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh.

... Applicant

versus

- State of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Of
Police Station Saraipali, District Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh.

... Respondent

(Cause title is taken from Case Information System)

For Applicant : Mr. Jitendra Shukla, Advocate
For Respondent/State : Dr. Saurabh Kumar Pande, Dy.A.G.

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Order on Board

26/02/2026

- This first anticipatory bail application under Section 482 of the
Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 has been filed by the
applicant, who is apprehending his arrest in connection with Crime
No.341/2025 registered at Police Station – Saraipali, District:
Mahasamund, C.G. for the offence punishable under Sections 316(5)
read with Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023.
- Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the allegation of the present
applicant is that, he misappropriating Rs. 5,35,869/- collected from
sixteen beneficiaries between December 13, 2024, and December 23,



2024, in collusion with other co-accused, by failing to deposit the amount in the bank. Similarly, Deepak Kumar accused is of misappropriating Rs.1,58,961/- from 16 beneficiaries between June 13, 2023, and November 8, 2023; Rohan Pradhan of misappropriating Rs. 5,54,583/- from 55 beneficiaries between February 27, 2022, and November 24, 2023; and Pramod Mahant of misappropriating Rs. 10,17,232/- from 16 beneficiaries between January 4, 2024, and August 13, 2024. The four individuals together allegedly embezzled a total of Rs. 22,66,645/- from the company. The company instructed all four employees to deposit the collected amounts from the beneficiaries into the bank, but they have not deposited any amount with the company to date.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted applicant is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the present case. It is further contended that the present applicant is not committed any such crime leveled against him, he has already resigned the service of the said company. It is also contended that the dispute is primarily of a financial nature and the applicant has cooperated in the inquiry and no custodial interrogation is required; and the applicant undertakes to cooperate with the investigation. It is also submitted that the applicant has no criminal antecedents.
4. On the other hand, learned State counsel appearing on behalf of the non-applicant/State opposed the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the applicant and submitted that the applicant was working as a manager in the said company and had taken money from several persons but had not deposited the same in the bank.



5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the materials available on record.
6. Considering the facts & circumstances of the case, submission of learned counsel for the parties, materials available on record, allegation levelled against the present applicant, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the present applicant.
7. Accordingly, the instant MCRCA is **allowed** and it is directed that in the event of arrest of the applicant – **Shubham Panigrahi** on executing a personal bond and one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the arresting Officer, he shall be released on bail on the following conditions:-
- (a) The applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such fact to the Court.
 - (b) The applicant shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial.
 - (c) The applicant shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the trial.
 - (d) The applicant and the surety shall submit a copy of their adhaar card along with a coloured postcard full size photo having printed the adhaar number on it, which shall be verified by the trial Court.
 - (e) The applicant shall not involve himself in any offence of similar nature in future.

Sd/-

(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

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