



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

Order Sheet

CRA No. 545 of 2026

Makhan Lal Sahu S/o Late Chhedi Lal Sahu Aged About 47 Years R/o
Sultannar, Police Station Baloda, District Janjgir-Champa Chhattisgarh
... Appellant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police
Station Baloda, District Janjgir-Champa Chhattisgarh
---- Respondent

16.03.2026	Mr. Vivek Singhal, counsel for the Appellant. Ms. Priya Sharma, P.L. for the State/Respondent. Ms. Mamta Mahilange, counsel for the Victim. Heard on I.A. No. 01/2026, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail. By the impugned judgment of conviction and sentence dated 04.02.2026 passed by the Special Judge (SC/St Act), Janjgir, District Janjgir Champa (C.G.) in Special Sessions Case No.29/2024, the appellant stands convicted and sentenced as mentioned below : <table><tr><td>Conviction</td><td>Sentence</td><td>In Default</td></tr></table>	Conviction	Sentence	In Default
Conviction	Sentence	In Default		

Under Section 323 of IPC	RI for 06 months and fine amount of Rs.1,000/-	In default of payment of fine amount additional RI for 01 month
Under Section 3(2) (v-a) of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989	RI for 06 months and fine amount of Rs.1,000/-	In default of payment of fine amount additional RI for 0 month

(Both sentences shall run concurrently)

Learned counsel appearing for the appellant submits that the appellant has been wrongly convicted by the trial Court in the judgment without there being any sufficient evidence available on record. He further submits that the appellant was on bail during the trial and now the appellant was also on bail till 03.03.2026 and he has not misused the liberty granted to him by the trial Court. He further submits that the appellant has already been deposited the fine amount before the trial Court and appeal is likely to take some more time to be finalized. Hence, it is prayed that I.A. No.01/2026 may be allowed.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State as well as counsel for the victim opposes the application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail and supported the impugned judgment.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and order passed by the learned trial Court and other material available on record with utmost circumspection.

Vasant	Considering the totality of the facts, particular the short sentence awarded to the appellant and appeal is likely to take more time to be finalized, without further commenting on other merits of the case, I am of this opinion that it will be proper to release the appellant on bail during the pendency of this appeal. On execution of substantive jail sentences imposed upon the appellant shall remain suspended during the pendency of this appeal and he shall be released on bail on executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.5,000/- 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 27.04.2026. 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 the disposal of this appeal. List this case for final hearing after six weeks. Sd/- (Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal) Judge
--------	--