



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

Criminal Appeal No.555 of 2026

Neeraj Shrivastav S/o Gyan Prakash Shrivastav Aged About 51 Years R/o Sector M, 114, Ashiyana Colony, L.D.A. P/s L.D.A. Luckhnow, U.P., Currently At- Proprietor N.R. Resources, At House No.28, Block B, Sector 8, Dwarka, New Delhi ... **Appellant**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through SHO P/s Civil Lines (Special Investigation Cell), Raipur C.G. ... **Respondent**

Order Sheet

15/06/2026	Shri Lukesh Kumar Mishra, counsel for the Appellant. Shri Ramnarayan Sahu, Dy. G.A for the State. Shri Ankit Singhal, counsel for the Complainant. Heard on admission. Admit. Also heard on IA No.01/2026, an application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail.
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The accused/Appellant has been convicted vide judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 10.02.2026 passed by the Special Judge (PMLA Act) and VIth Additional Sessions Judge, Raipur, District Raipur in Special Criminal Case No.130/2016 for the following offence and sentenced as under:-

Conviction	Sentence
U/s. 409 IPC	RI for 10 years with fine of Rs.50,000/- and in default, additional SI for 1 year.

Learned counsel for the Appellant submits that the Appellant is innocent, he has been falsely implicated in the present case and the trial Court has not properly appreciated the evidence available on record. It is further submitted that the Appellant was on bail during trial and did not misuse the liberty granted to him, he remained in custody from 11.09.2012 to 23.03.2018 and thereafter granted bail and he is jail since the date of passing of judgment i.e. 10.02.2026 till date and as such he has served more than half of the sentence awarded to him i.e. 5 years and above 10 months. Lastly, it is submitted that final hearing of the Appeal is likely to take considerable time, therefore, the jail sentence imposed upon the Appellant may be suspended and he may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned Counsel for the State and the Complainant opposed the bail application.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the submissions advanced by learned Counsel for the parties, particularly considering that the Appellant has already served half of the sentence awarded and that the Appeal is likely to take considerable time for its disposal, this Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, is inclined to suspend the sentence and grant bail to the Appellant.

Accordingly, IA No.01/2026 is **allowed** and it is directed that the substantive jail sentence imposed upon the Appellant shall remain suspended during the pendency of the Appeal and he shall be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in a sum of **Rs.50,000/-** with one local surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court for his appearance before the Registry of this Court on **11th of August, 2026** and thereafter before the concerned Court on all such dates as may be given to him till final disposal of this Appeal.

In view of above, IA No.04./2026, an application for interim bail stands disposed of.

Call for records of the concerned Court and post the matter for final hearing in its due course.

Sd/-
(Radhakishan Agrawal)
Judge