



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRA No. 562 of 2026

Mahesh Kumar Sahu S/o Late Ramnath Sahu Aged About 52 Years R/o Village Dongardula, Police Station Nagri, District Dhamtari (C.G.)

... Appellant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Nagri, District Dhamtari (C.G.)

... Respondent

Order Sheet

17/03/2026	Mr. Kunal Das, Advocate for the Appellant. Ms. Laxmeen Kashyap, P.L. for the State/Respondent. None appeared on behalf of the Victim though notice has been served. Heard on IA No.1/2026 for suspension of sentence and grant of bail to the Appellant. By the impugned judgment of conviction and sentence dated 15.01.2026 passed in Special Session (SC/ST Act) Case No.05/2022, by the learned Special

Judge (Atrocities) District Dhamtari (C.G.), the appellant stands convicted and sentenced as under:-

Conviction	Sentence	In Default
U/s 294 IPC	Fine of Rs.1,000/-	RI for 1 month
U/s 506 Part-II of IPC	RI for 6 months	NA
U/s 3(1)(r) of Atrocity Act	RI for 6 months and fine of Rs.500/-	RI for 15 days
U/s 3(1)(s) of Atrocity Act	RI for 6 months and fine of Rs.500/-	RI for 15 days
All the sentences were directed to run concurrently		

Learned Counsel appearing for the appellant submits that the appellant has been wrongly convicted by the Trial Court without there being any clinching evidence available on record. He further submits that the appellant is on bail. He has deposited the fine amount. The appeal is likely to take some time to be finalized, therefore, it is prayed that IA No.01/2026 may be allowed.

On the other hand, learned Counsel appearing for the State opposes the bail application and supported the impugned judgment.

Considering the totality of the evidence, circumstances of the case, short sentence awarded to

the appellant and the fact that the appeal is likely to take some time to be finalized, without commenting on merits of the case, this Court is of the opinion that it will be proper to suspend the sentence of the appellant till disposal of the case.

Accordingly, the application (IA No. 01/2026) is **allowed.**

It is directed that the substantive jail sentence imposed upon the appellant shall remain suspended till final disposal of this case on his executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs. 25,000/- with one surety for the like sum to the satisfaction of the trial Court for his appearance before the Registry of this Court on **15.06.2026**. He shall thereafter appear before the concerned trial Court on a date to be given by the Registry of this Court and thereafter, continue to appear before the trial Court on all such subsequent dates as are given to him by the said Court till disposal of this appeal.

List this case for final hearing.

Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-

(Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal)

JUDGE