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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 1879 of 2026

Jwala Verma S/o Arun Verma Aged About 21 Years R/o Village Ganiyari,
Tahsil Ganiyari, P.S. Kota, Distt. Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, P.S. Bilaigarh, Distt.
Sarangarh Bilaigarh, Chhattisgarh.

... Respondent

For Applicant : Ms. Minakshi Gupta, Advocate.

For : Ms. Palak Dwivedi, PL.

Respondent/State

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Order on Board

15/04/2026

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. 319/2025 registered at Police Station Bilaigarh, District- Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, (C.G.) for the offence under Section 20(B) of the N.D.P.S. Act.



2. Case of the prosecution, in brief is that the police of Police Station Bilaigarh, District- Sarangarh-Bilaigarh (C.G.), received a secret information from the informant and on the said information police conducted a raid and seized 4.994 Kgs of cannabis from the joint possession of the present applicant and co-accused. Thereafter, offence punishable under Section 20(B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 has been registered against present applicant.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the present applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. She further submits that the said contraband article was not seized from the possession of the present applicant and other co-accused person. She also submits that prosecution agency has not followed the provisions under Section 42 of the NDPS Act. She further submits that co-accused Vikash Yadav has been granted bail by this court in MCRC No.2258/2026 on 25/03/2026. She further submits that the applicant has 5 criminal antecedents, out of which, 4 cases are disposed of and one case is pending, charge-sheet has been submitted before the competent Court, he is in jail since 10.12.2025 and conclusion of the trial is likely to take quite long time. Therefore, she prays for grant of regular bail to the applicant.
4. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application of the present applicant and submits that the charge-sheet has been filed in the present case before the competent Court and also endorse the submission made by the learned counsel for the applicant. She further submits that from the joint possession of the present applicant



and other co-accused the contraband article i.e. 4.994 kg cannabis was seized, therefore, the present applicant is not entitled for grant of bail.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material available on record.
6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case that the contraband article i.e. 4.994 kg cannabis was seized from the joint possession of the present applicant and other co-accused, is less than commercial quantity, further the applicant has 5 criminal antecedents, out of which, 4 cases are disposed of and one case is pending, further the fact that co-accused Vikash Yadav has been granted bail by this court in MCRC No.2258/2026 on 25/03/2026, in the present bail application the charge-sheet has been filed before the competent Court and he is in jail since 10.12.2025 and conclusion of the trial may take some time, therefore, this Court is of the view that the applicant is entitled to be released on bail in this case
7. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed and it is directed that the Applicant- **Jwala Verma**, involved in Crime No. 319/2025 registered at Police Station Bilaigarh, District- Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, (C.G.) for the offence under Section 20(B) of the N.D.P.S. Act, be released on bail on his 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 send a certified copy of this order to the trial Court concerned for necessary information and compliance forthwith.

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice