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NAFR**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****MCRCA No. 321 of 2026**

- Bikash Sahu S/o Pabitra Sahu Aged About 29 Years Resident Of Village Karlajuri, Sonapur Karlajuri, District Sonapur (Odisha)

... Applicant**versus**

- State of Chhattisgarh Through- Station House Officer, Devendra Nagar, District- Raipur (C.G.)

... Respondent**(Cause title is taken from Case Information System)**

For Applicant	:	Mr. Sunil Verma, Advocate
For Respondent/State	:	Mr. Nitansh Jaiswal, Dy.G.A.
For Objector	:	Ms. Aditi Singhvi, Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice**Order on Board****26/02/2026**

1. 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.04/2026 registered at Police Station – Devenagar, District: Raipur, C.G. for the offence punishable under Sections 318(4) read with 3(5) of BNS, 2023.
2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the case diary was perused, according to which the complainant Nemichand Jain submitted written complaint before Police Station Devendra Nagar, Raipur, stating that in November 2025 he received a link through a group on



his mobile phone's Telegram app. In that link, it was stated that by investing Rs. 1,00,000/-, a profit of Rs. 30,000/- would be given within 10 days. In that group, his acquaintance and neighbor Ajit Patra, Archana Agrawal, Ajay Tripathi, Vikas Sahu, and a person named Samik Nanda (applicant) (Wrongly mentioned in order sheet) were also connected. When he spoke to Ajit Patra regarding this, Ajit told him to invest money to earn more profit. Acting on this, he invested Rs. 1,00,000 and after a few days received a profit of Rs. 30,000. Thereafter, Ajit Patra repeatedly encouraged him to invest more money. Along with Archana Agrawal and others, he was told that by investing 2 crores he would receive a profit of Rs. 40 lakhs. Influenced by the statements of the accused persons, the complainant borrowed Rs. 2 crores from his brother-in-law. The accused Archana Agrawal, Bikas Sahu (Applicant), and Ajay Tripathi were staying at Hotel Simran, where the complainant was introduced to Archana Agrawal then told him to hand over the money to them. Accordingly, on 18.12.2025, the complainant handed over the money to the accused/applicants Bikas Sahu and Ajay Tripathi. Thereafter, the complainant was brought back to Hotel Simran He met Archana Agrawal, during which Archana Agrawal told him that within a few days he would receive Rs. 2 crores 40 lakhs. However, till date he has not received any amount. Even after repeatedly demanding the money, he was misled, and the Telegram group, all its links, and messages were deleted. Subsequently the F.I.R. was registered, hence, this anticipatory bail application before the Hon'ble Court.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted applicant is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the present case. It is further contended that default has been removed in the bail application and



applicant has neither received any wrongful gain nor caused any wrongful loss to the complainant. He also submits that only on the basis of memorandum statement of co-accused person, applicant has falsely implicated in crime in question. He further contended that co-accused has preferred anticipatory bail application bearing MCRCA No.133/2026 which was allowed by this court on 23/01/2026, therefore, he submits that the present applicant is also entitled to be released on anticipatory bail on the ground of parity.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel, appearing for the non - applicant/State as well as learned counsel for the Objector would oppose the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the applicant and submits that the co-accused had filed anticipatory bail application No. MCRCA 133/2026, which was allowed by this Court on 23/01/2026 only on the ground that she is a woman.
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, considering the fact that co-accused has preferred anticipatory bail application bearing MCRCA No.133/2026 which was allowed by this court on 23/01/2026, therefore, 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 – **Bikash Sahu** 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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