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NAFR**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****MCRC No. 2129 of 2026**

- Ku. Payal Soni D/o Shri Shivkumar Soni, Aged About 22 Years R/o Street No. 18, Quarter No. 3, /h, Zone-1, Sector-11, Khursipar, Bhilai, Tehsil And District Durg C.G.

... Applicant(s)**versus**

- State of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House In-Charge, Police Station- Mohan Nagar, District Durg C.G.

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

For Applicant(s) : Mr. Gyan Prakash Dandekar and Ms. Renu Kochar, Advocate

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Priyank Rathi, Government Advocate

Hon'ble Mr. Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice**Order on Board****08.05.2026**

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant who has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 593/2025 registered at Police Station Mohan Nagar, District - Durg (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 317(2), 317(4), 318(4), 111, 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023.
2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that as per the information received through Samanvay Portal which is Operated by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India informing that total 22 account of

Bank of Karnataka belonging to Mohan Nagar Branch, Durg were utilized as mule account from the year 01.11.2021 till 31.08.2025 to deposit 10,67,665 which were obtained from proceeds of cyber-crime by committing cyber fraud and each account holder were brought in for questioning and memorandum statement of arrested accused has already been recorded and final report has also been filed showing some of the co-accused as absconder.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is innocent lady and has been falsely implicated in crime in question and there is no previous criminal antecedent against the present applicant. She further submits that only on the basis of memorandum statement of co-accused, namely Raj Singh, name of the present applicant has been added. She further contended that charge-sheet has already been filed in the present case, the applicant is in jail since 08.11.2025 and the conclusion of trial is likely to take some time, therefore, she prays for releasing the applicant on regular bail.
4. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application and submits that there is no criminal antecedent registered against the present applicant, and the charge-sheet has been filed in this case. He further submit that in compliance of the Court's order dated 11/03/2026, the Superintendent of Police has filed his personal affidavit.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.
6. In compliance of the Court's order dated 11/03/2026, the Investigating Officer, Durg has filed his personal affidavit and relevant paragraphs of the affidavit reads as under:-

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8. That, thereafter, during investigation, the present accused applicant/aforesaid mule bank account holder was summoned and questioned and his memorandum statements was taken in-front of the relevant witnesses wherein she has categorically deposed that, she has given her aforesaid bank account to his brother Ankur Soni and his brother Ankur Soni has given her aforesaid bank account number to his friend Raj Singh on rent and the said Raj Singh has given Rs. 25000/- as rent to her brother and her brother Ankur Soni has given Rs. 5000/- in lieu of the aforesaid bank account.

9. That, during investigation, it was found that, a total amount of Rs. 71,06,579/- has been credited in the aforesaid Karnataka Bank Account Number of the accused Applicant during the short span of time period since its opening in the year 2023 till the investigation and a total amount of Rs. 71,06,529/- has been debited from the aforesaid Bank Accounts by the accused persons.”

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, submissions made by learned counsel for the party, allegation levelled against the present and involvement of present applicant, further considering the affidavit filed by the Investigating Officer, wherein it is mentioned that during investigation, it was found that, a total amount of Rs. 71,06,579/- has been credited in the aforesaid Karnataka Bank in account Number of the accused applicant during the short span of time period since its opening in the year 2023 till the investigation and a total amount of Rs. 71,06,529/- has been debited from the aforesaid Bank accounts by the accused persons, therefore, this Court does not find it to be a fit case to release the applicants on regular bail.
8. Accordingly, the bail application of the applicant- **Ku. Payal Soni**, involved in Crime No.593/2025 registered at Police Station Mohan

Nagar, District - Durg (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 317(2), 317(4), 318(4), 111, 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023, is **rejected** at this stage.

9. Needless to say that the trial Court concerned is at liberty to proceed and conclude the trial expeditiously.
10. Office is directed to provide a certified copy of this order to the trial Court concerned for necessary information and compliance.

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

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