



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

Criminal Appeal No.668 of 2026

Rajesh Yadav, S/o Hemant Yadav, Aged About 22 Years, R/o
Parsoda, P.S. And District Balod (CG) **... Appellant**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Arakshi Kendra Police Station AJAK
District Balod (CG) **... Respondent**

Order Sheet

30/03/2026	Shri Aditya Shrivastava, counsel for the Appellant. Shri Siddhant Tiwari, PL for the State. Heard on IA No.01/2026, an application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail. The accused/Appellant has been convicted vide judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 09.02.2026 passed by the Special Sessions Judge under SC/ST Act (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Balod, District Balod in Special Sessions Case No.85/2025 for the following offences and sentenced as under:-

Conviction	Sentence
Under Section 296 of BNS (3 times)	RI for 3 months with fine of Rs.1500/- and in default, additional RI for 15 days.
Under Section 3(1)(घ) of the SC/ST Act.	RI for 1 year with fine of Rs.2,000/- and in default, additional RI for 1 month.

Both the sentences were ordered to run concurrently.

Learned counsel for the accused/Appellant submits that the maximum sentence awarded to the Appellant is 1 year and that he remained in custody during the course of trial for about 56 days and has never misused the liberty granted to him. It is further submitted that the Appellant is on bail presently, fine amount has already been deposited, the Appeal is not likely to be heard in the near future and its final disposal is likely to take considerable time, therefore, the sentence imposed upon the Appellant may be suspended.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application.

Victim appeared through DLSA, Balod and raised objection with regard to grant of bail to the Appellant.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the submissions advanced by learned counsel for the parties and further taking into account that the Appeal is likely to take considerable time for its

conclusion, this Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, is inclined to suspend the sentence imposed upon 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 on his furnishing a personal bond of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned Court for his appearance before the Registry on **13th of May, 2026** and thereafter before the concerned Court below on all such dates as may be given to him till final disposal of this Appeal.

Post the matter for final hearing after 6 weeks.

Sd/-

(Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal)
Judge