



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRR No. 352 of 2026

Anil Kumar Banpela (Sahu) S/o Late Bhanu Ram Sahu, Aged About 53 Years R/o Ward No. 7, Junglepara Nagri, P.S. Nagri Dhamtari District – Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh,

... Applicant

versus

State of Chhattisgarh Through District Magistrate, Dhamtari District – Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh,

... Respondent

Order Sheet

06/05/2026	Mr. Krishna Tandon, Counsel for the Applicant. Mr. Aman Tamrakar, P.L. for the State/Respondent. Heard on admission. Admit. Also heard I.A. No.1/2026, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail. By way of the impugned judgment dated 24.02.2026 passed in Criminal Appeal No.3/2024 by the Sessions Judge, District - Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, the applicant has been convicted for the offence under Section 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and sentenced R.I. for 3

years and fine of Rs.500/- each, in default of payment of fine, additional R.I. for 15 days each. Both the sentences are directed to run concurrently.

Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the learned Appellate Court has not properly appreciated the evidence available on record and convicted the applicant. He further submits that the applicant was on bail during trial and he has not misused the liberty granted to him. He further submits that the applicant has remained in jail for 2 years, 3 months and 10 days, he is in jail since 24.02.2026 and the disposal of this revision may take some time, therefore, the sentence imposed on the present applicant may be suspended and he may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the submission made by counsel for the applicant.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations levelled against the applicant, and further considering the detention period and the fact that the final disposal of this revision is likely to take considerable time, without commenting on the merits of the case, I am inclined to allow the application.

Accordingly, I.A.No. 01/2026 is allowed.

It is directed that the substantive jail sentence imposed upon the applicant shall remain suspended till the final disposal of this revision, subject to his executing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.20,000/- with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, for his appearance before the Registry of this Court on 28th July, 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 concerned trial Court on all such subsequent dates as are given to him by the said Court till disposal of this revision.

List the case for final hearing in due course.

Sd/-

(Radhakishan Agrawal)
JUDGE