



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRA No. 686 of 2026

NARMADA DAS MAHANT **versus** STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order Sheet

25.04.2026	Heard Ms. Shashi Kumar Kushwaha, counsel for the appellant as well as Mr. Shailendra Sharma, Panel Lawyer, appearing for the State/respondent. IA No. 2 of 2026 is an application for condonation of delay of 658 days in preferring the appeal. Since the learned State counsel has no objection if delay in filing the appeal is condoned as the accused has statutory right to file an appeal and cause shown by the appellant in filing the appeal beyond the time appears to be satisfactory, we allow the application and condone the delay in filing the present

appeal.

Admit.

Since Mr. Shailendra Sharma, Panel Lawyer, has put in appearance on behalf of the State/respondent, there is no need to issue fresh notice to the respondent.

Learned State Counsel is directed to inform the complainant grand mother of the victim (PW/1) regarding pendency of the appeal as well as an application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail to the appellant revealing that she can appear on the date fixed and object the prayer in bail application through her counsel.

The State may file its reply/objection to I.A. No. 01 of 2026, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail within a period of two weeks.

Trial Court record has already been received.

Let the paper book be prepared in accordance with the High Court Rules, 2007

List the matter after eight weeks for consideration

Arpan	on I.A. No.1 of 2026, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail. Sd/- (Ravindra Kumar Agrawal) Judge Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice
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