



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

Criminal Appeal No.687 of 2026

Narottam @ Baby Koshley S/o Mohan Koshley, Aged About 18 Years
06 Months, R/o Village - Dondekhurd, Durgapara, Police Station -
Vidhansabha, District - Raipur, Chhattisgarh. **... Appellant**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The District Magistrate, Raipur,
District - Raipur, Chhattisgarh. **... Respondent**

Order Sheet

30/03/2026	Shri Shivendu Pandya, counsel for the Appellant. Shri Afroj Khan, 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 28.02.2026 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge 2nd Fast Track Special Court (POCSO), Raipur, District Raipur in Special Criminal Case No.59/2025 for the

following offence and sentenced as under:-

Conviction	Sentence
Under Section 8 of the POCSO Act	RI for 3 years with fine of Rs.500/- and in default, additional RI for 1 month.

Learned counsel for the accused/Appellant submits that the maximum sentence awarded to the Appellant is three years and that he remained in custody during the course of trial for about 36 days and has never misused the liberty granted to him. It is further submitted that the Appeal is not likely to be heard in the near future and its final disposal is likely to take considerable time, therefore, the Appellant may be enlarged on bail.

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

Victim appeared along with her mother through DLSA, Raipur and objected for granting 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 and grant him bail.

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 and he shall be released on bail 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 **14th 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