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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR
MCRC No. 2500 of 2026

Rajesh Baghel S/o Chhabilal Beghel Aged About 26 Years R/o -Bajrang
Chowk Raubandha Basti Civie Center Bhilai, Police Station Bhilai Nagar
District - Durg. Chhattisgarh

... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Though Police Station Bhilai Nagar, Durg, (C.G.)

... Non-applicant

For Applicant	: Mr. Bennoon, Advocate
For Non-applicant/ State	: Mr. Smriti Shrivastava, P.L.

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Order on Board

23/04/2026

1. The applicant has preferred this First Bail Application under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail, as he has been arrested in connection with Crime No.515/2025, registered at Police Station : Bhilai Nagar, Durg (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 296, 115(2), 119(1), 351(3), 118(1), 109 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
2. As per the prosecution story, on 04.10.2025 at about 9:30 a.m., the complainant was talking with Akash Singh near his house when the accused, Rajesh Bagh, in an intoxicated condition,



approached them and allegedly abused the complainant, demanded money for liquor and threatened him with dire consequences. Upon refusal, the accused is stated to have assaulted the complainant with a vegetable-cutting knife, causing injuries on the neck, cheek and ear. When Akash Singh intervened, he was also threatened and abused. On the basis of the said incident, a case was registered, statements of witnesses were recorded, the weapon used in the offence was seized and the complainant was medically examined, wherein the injuries were found to be grievous/life-threatening, leading to addition of relevant penal provisions. The accused was arrested on the same day and sent to judicial custody. After completion of the investigation, charge-sheet No. 615/2025 dated 29.12.2025 has been filed before the competent Court.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is contended that the investigation is complete and the charge-sheet has already been filed, and the entire case rests on documentary evidence which is in the custody of the prosecution, leaving no scope for tampering with evidence or influencing witnesses. It is also contended that the complainant is a habitual offender and has falsely implicated the applicant. The applicant is a permanent resident having a fixed place of abode and there is no likelihood of his absconding or tampering with the prosecution evidence. Hence, he prays for grant of bail.



4. Per contra, learned State counsel opposes the bail application and submits that there is sufficient material available on record to prima facie establish the involvement of the applicant in the alleged offence. It is contended that the applicant assaulted the complainant with a sharp-edged weapon causing serious injuries and the nature and gravity of the offence is serious. It is further submitted that the statements of witnesses and medical evidence support the prosecution case, and therefore, the applicant does not deserve to be enlarged on bail.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material available on record.
6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly the nature of allegations, the fact that the injuries sustained by the complainant are simple in nature and that he was discharged from the hospital after one day, coupled with the period of detention of the applicant since 04.10.2025, and further considering that the investigation is complete, the charge-sheet has been filed, and the entire evidence is already in the custody of the prosecution, this Court is of the view that there is no likelihood of the applicant tampering with the evidence or influencing the witnesses; further the trial is likely to take considerable time for its conclusion and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to enlarge the applicant on bail, hence, the bail application is **allowed**.



7. Let the Applicant – **Rajesh Bhagel** involved in Crime No.515/2025, registered at Police Station : Bhilai Nagar, Durg (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 296, 115(2), 119(1), 351(3), 118(1), 109 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 be released on bail on furnishing **personal bond** with **two local sureties** in the like sum to the satisfaction of the Court concerned with the following conditions:-

(i) The applicant shall file an undertaking to the effect that he shall not seek any adjournment on the dates fixed for evidence when the witnesses are present in court. In case of default of this condition, it shall be open for the trial court to treat it as abuse of liberty of bail and pass orders in accordance with law.

(ii) The applicant shall remain present before the trial court on each date fixed, either personally or through his counsel. In case of his absence, without sufficient cause, the trial court may proceed against him under Section 269 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iii) In case, the applicant misuse the liberty of bail during trial and in order to secure his presence, proclamation under Section 84 of BNSS is issued and the applicant fail to appear before the court on the date fixed in such proclamation, then, the trial court shall initiate proceedings against him, in



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accordance with law, under Section 209 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iv) The applicant shall remain present, in person, before the trial court on the dates fixed for (i) opening of the case, (ii) framing of charge and (iii) recording of statement under Section 351 of BNSS. If in the opinion of the trial court absence of the applicant is deliberate or without sufficient cause, then it shall be open for the trial court to treat such default as abuse of liberty of bail and proceed against him, in accordance with law.

8. Office is directed to provide a certified copy of this order to the trial Court concerned for necessary information and compliance forthwith.

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

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