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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 2463 of 2026

1 - Situl Ram Chauhan S/o Rameshwar Chauhan Aged About 28 Years
R/o Korkotoli, Sirimkela, District - Jashpur Chhattisgarh

... Applicant

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station
- Kansabel, District Jashpur Chhattisgarh

... Respondent

For Applicant : Mr. Ashish Gupta, Advocate

For Respondent/State : Mr. Akhilesh Kumar, Govt. Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal

Order On Board

30.03.2026

1. This is the second bail application filed u/s 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the
applicant who has been arrested in connection with Crime
No.122/2024 registered at Police Station Kansabel, District
Jashpur (CG) for offence punishable under Sections 61(2),
332(B), 312, 309, 311, 103, 111 of BNS and Section 25(1-b) (b) &
27 of Arms Act.



2. The first bail application of applicant was rejected by this Court on merits vide order dated 22.08.2025 in MCRC No.5968/2025. While rejecting the first bail application, the trial Court was directed to expedite the trial.
3. As per the prosecution case, on 06.11.2024 at about 11 a.m., the applicant and other co-accused entered the complainant's Customer Service Centre (a kiosk bank) to commit robbery, having formed a criminal conspiracy and armed themselves with a country-made firearm. During the incident, when the complainant's grand-mother Urmila Bai intervened, the accused fired at her, resulting in her death. On report being lodged in this regard by the complainant, the applicant was arrested on 06.11.2024.
4. Learned counsel for applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He submits that the main accused, Ravi, is currently absconding and is the individual who fired the fatal shot at the deceased. The applicant was neither present at the spot nor was any weapon or article related to the incident seized from his possession. The sole allegation against the applicant is that he provided a motorcycle to the co-accused, Ravi. He further submits that out of total 24 witness, only 8 have been examined, the applicant is in jail since 06.11.2024 and there is no likelihood of the trial to be concluded at the earliest. Hence, considering all these facts, the applicant may be released on bail.



5. Learned State counsel, on the other hand, opposing the bail application submits that the RC book of the motorcycle used in the incident has been seized from the applicant and considering the nature of offence, the applicant does not deserve to be released on bail.
6. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.
7. Taking into consideration the entire facts and circumstances of the case, particularly the applicant's custody period since 06.011.2024 and also considering the facts that out of total 24 witnesses, only 8 have been examined so far, there is all possibility of the trial taking considerable time for its conclusion and in the change of circumstances, this Court is of the opinion that a case for grant of bail to the applicant has been made out.
8. Accordingly, the application for grant of bail is **allowed**. It is directed that the present Applicant shall be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court. The applicant is directed to appear before the trial Court on each and every date to be given to him by the said Court till completion of the trial.
9. Office is directed to send a certified copy of this order to the trial Court concerned for necessary information.

Sd/-
(Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal)
JUDGE