

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****CRA No. 844 of 2026****ASHOK CHOUDHARY *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH****Order Sheet**

01.04.2026	Heard Mr. Vikash Pandey, learned counsel for the appellant and Mr. Shailendra Sharma, learned Panel Lawyer, appearing for the State/respondent. The case has been listed under defaults on account of certain defects, namely, that the sentence under Section 3(2)(5) has not been properly mentioned in the synopsis and cause title, the provisions of law have been wrongly mentioned in the cause title, the name of the accused has been incorrectly mentioned in the synopsis, and the requisite court fee of ₹10/- has not been affixed on the Vakalatnama.

I.A. No.01 has been filed to condone delay in preferring the appeal.

Since Mr. Shailendra Sharma, learned Panel Lawyer, appearing for the respondent/State 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 condone the delay in filing the present appeal.

Admit.

Since Mr. Shailendra Sharma, learned Panel Lawyer, has already appeared on behalf of the respondent/State, issuance of fresh notice to the respondent is dispensed with.

The State is directed to file its reply/objection within a period of two weeks, and shall also inform this Court about the criminal antecedents of the appellant, if any. Learned State counsel is also directed to inform the mother of the victim (PW-3) regarding pendency of the appeal revealing that he/she can appear on the

date fixed and object the prayer made in the criminal appeal through his/her counsel.

The Lower Court Record be summoned within a period of six weeks.

Let the paper-book be filed in accordance with the High Court Rules, 2007.

List this matter thereafter.

In the meanwhile, the defects pointed out by the Registry have been duly cured.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice