



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRA No. 847 of 2026

RAMKUMAR PRAJAPATI

versus

NARCOTICS CONTROL BUREAU (N.C.B) ZONAL UNIT INDORE

Order Sheet

01.04.2026	None appears on behalf of the appellant, nor is any representation made despite the matter being called. Mr. Ramakant Mishra, learned Deputy Solicitor General, appearing for the NCB/respondent. The matter has been listed in default on account of the defects, namely, that the expression “to each accused” has been wrongly mentioned in the synopsis and cause title (conviction and sentence paragraph),

and that although the authorized person has duly signed the memo of appearance, the said signature has not been identified by the counsel.

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

Since Mr. Ramakant Mishra, learned Deputy Solicitor General, appearing for the NCB/respondent. 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. Ramakant Mishra, learned Deputy Solicitor General, has already appeared on behalf of the NCB/State, issuance of fresh notice to the respondent is dispensed with.

Being aggrieved by the judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 29.04.2025 passed by the learned Special Judge, NDPS Act, District Kabirdham,

Chhattisgarh in Special Criminal Case (NDPS) No. 455/2022, whereby the appellant has been convicted under Section 8 read with Section 20(b)(ii)(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 15 years with a fine of Rs. 1,00,000/-, and in default of payment of fine, to further undergo rigorous imprisonment for 1 year, the present criminal appeal has been preferred challenging the said judgment of conviction and sentence.

The State is directed to file its reply/objection to I.A. No.01, an application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail, within a period of two weeks, and shall also inform this Court about the criminal antecedents of the appellant, if any.

It appears from the record that other co-accused persons have already preferred Criminal Appeal No.1592/2025 and other analogous criminal appeals being CRA No.1563/2025 and CRA No.2334/2025, arising out of the same judgment.

In that view of the matter, let this appeal be listed along with Criminal Appeal No. 1592/2025 and other connected matters.

In the meanwhile, learned counsel for the appellant is directed to cure the defects as pointed out by the Registry.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

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(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice