



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRA No. 742 of 2026

ASHIF HUSSAIN **versus** STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order Sheet

25/04/2026	Heard Mr. Sumit Shrivastava, learned counsel for the appellant. Also heard Mr. Saumya Rai, learned Deputy Government Advocate, appearing for the State/respondent. I.A. No. 2 of 2026 is an application seeking condonation of delay of 158 days in preferring the appeal. Since Mr. Saumya Rai, learned Deputy Government Advocate for the respondent/State, has no objection to the condonation of delay, and considering that the accused has a statutory right to prefer an appeal, and further that the cause shown

by the appellant for filing the appeal beyond the prescribed period appears to be satisfactory, the delay in filing the present appeal is hereby condoned.

The appeal is admitted.

As Mr. Saumya Rai, learned Deputy Government Advocate, has already entered appearance 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 to I.A. No. 1 of 2026 (application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail) within a period of two weeks. The State shall also inform this Court regarding the criminal antecedents of the appellant.

Learned State counsel is further directed to inform the father (PW-2) of the victim about the pendency of the appeal as well as the application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail, making it

clear that he may appear on the date fixed and oppose the bail application through counsel, if so advised.

The records of the learned trial Court have already been received in CRA No. 605 of 2026; therefore, the Registry is directed to keep the learned trial Court records in the present appeal.

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

List the matter after eight weeks for consideration of I.A. No. 1 of 2026 (application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail).

**Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge**

**Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice**