



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRA No. 909 of 2026

1. Ramesh Chandra Sahu @ Bablu Sahu S/o- Late. Shri Bhola Prasad Sahu, Aged About 57 Years,
 2. Satish Kumar Sahu, S/o Ramesh Chandra Sahu Aged About 24 Years,
- Both are R/o Village- Harrapara, Baikunthpur, District- Koriya- C.G.

... Appellant

versus

- State of Chhattisgarh Through- S.H.O. Police Station- Baikunthpur, District- Koriya, C.G.

... Respondent

Order Sheet

22/04/2026	Mr. Pushkar Sinha, counsel for the appellant. Ms. Laxmin Kashyap, Panel Lawyer for the State/respondent. The victim is present today through V.C. of concerned DLSA and on being asked, she has raised her 'objection' on application filed by the appellants for suspension of sentence and grant of bail. Heard on I.A. No.01/2026, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail to the appellants under Section

430 (1) of the BNSS.

By the impugned judgment dated 27.03.2026 passed by the learned Special Judge, SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Baikunthpur, District Koriya (Baikunthpur) Chhattisgarh in Special Criminal (under SC/ST Act) Case No.13/2025, appellants have been convicted as under :

Conviction	Sentence
U/s 296 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the, "BNS")	Fine of Rs.200/-, in default of fine, additional imprisonment for 15 days each
U/s 115 (2) r/w 3(5) of BNS	Imprisonment for 1 month and fine of Rs.200/-, in default of fine, additional imprisonment for 15 days each.
U/s 3(1)(r) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (hereinafter referred to as the, "SC/ST Act")	Imprisonment for 6 months and fine of Rs.500/-, in default of fine, additional imprisonment for one month each.
U/s 3(1)(s) of SC/ST Act	Imprisonment for 6 months and fine of Rs.500/-, in default of fine, additional imprisonment for 1 month each.

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U/s 115(2) r/w 3(5) of BNS / 3(2)(va) of SC/ST Act	Imprisonment for 1 month and fine of Rs.200/-, in default of fine, additional imprisonment for 15 days each.				
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without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I am of the opinion that present is a fit case to suspend the jail sentence imposed upon the appellants and to release them on bail.

Accordingly, the application (I.A. No. 01/2026) is allowed. It is directed that the substantive jail sentence imposed upon the appellants shall remain suspended till final disposal of this case on their executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- each with one surety for the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court for their appearance before the Registry of this Court on 17.06.2026. They shall thereafter appear before the concerned trial Court on a date to be given by the Registry of this Court and thereafter, continue to appear before the concerned trial Court on all such subsequent dates as are given to them by the said Court till disposal of this appeal.

List this case for final hearing in due course.

Sd/-

(Radhakishan Agrawal)

Judge