

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****CRA No. 1020 of 2026****HEMANT YADAV *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH****Order Sheet**

06.05.2026	Heard Mr. Kamlesh Patel, learned counsel for the appellant. Also heard Ms. Vaishali Mahilong, learned Deputy Government Advocate, appearing for the State/respondent. I.A. No.02 has been filed to condone delay in preferring the criminal appeal. Since Ms. Vaishali Mahilong, learned Deputy Government Advocate, 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 criminal appeal.

Admit.

Since Ms. Vaishali Mahilong, learned Deputy Government Advocate,, has put in appearance on behalf of the respondent/State, there is no need to issue fresh notice to the respondent.

The State may file its reply/objection to I.A. No.1, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail within a period of two weeks and he is also directed to inform this Court regarding the criminal antecedents of the appellant.

Learned State counsel is also directed to inform the mother of the victim (PW-1) regarding pendency of the appeal revealing that he/she can appear on the date fixed and object the prayer made in the bail application through his/her counsel.

Learned trial Court records have already been received.

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

List this matter thereafter for consideration on I.A. No.1, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice