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NAFR**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****MCRC No. 3629 of 2026**

Nayandas Manikpuri S/o Late Chaindas Aged About 43 Years Occupation- Government Servant (Lineman In CSEB), R/o Village- Hatbanjari, P.S.- Chhuriya, District- Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

... Applicant**versus**

State of Chhattisgarh Through P.S. Dongargarh, District- Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

... Non-Applicant

For Applicant	: Mr. Gopal Swaroop Gupta, Advocate.
For Non-Applicant/State	: Ms. Ritika Verma, Panel Lawyer.

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice**Order on Board****22.04.2026**

1. The applicant has preferred this First Bail Application under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail, as they have been arrested in connection with Crime No. 162/2026, registered at Police Station – Dongargarh, District- Rajnandgaon (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 108 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
2. The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 17.11.2025, information was received from the Station Master, Dongargarh, regarding a run-over death on the railway track between Dongargarh and Paniajob. On the basis of this information, Marg No. 115/2025 under Section 194 BNSS was registered and inquest proceedings were conducted. The deceased



was identified as Shesh Narayan Sahu by his relatives, and the post-mortem examination was conducted on 18.11.2025. During the course of investigation, the mobile phone of the deceased was seized and statements of witnesses were recorded. It has been alleged that the present applicant had taken a sum of Rs.4,10,000/- from the deceased on the pretext of a medical emergency and failed to return the same, and further allegedly extended threats when repayment was demanded. A WhatsApp message attributed to the deceased indicates mental distress and refers to the alleged conduct of the accused. On this basis, it has been concluded that the deceased committed suicide by jumping in front of a train due to alleged harassment and threats by the present applicant, leading to the registration of an offence under Section 108 IPC. The accused has been arrested and the investigation is ongoing. It is pertinent to note that there is a delay of 115 days in the lodging of the FIR.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submits that there was some outstanding amount payable by the applicant to the deceased, and due to the applicant's failure to repay the same, the deceased, being under depression, allegedly committed suicide by coming under a running train. It is also submitted that there is no documentary evidence to substantiate the allegations and no suicide note has been recovered. Learned counsel further submits that the applicant has no previous criminal antecedents and that the charge sheet has already been filed in the present case. The applicant has been in judicial custody since 01.04.2026, and the trial is likely to take a considerable amount of time to conclude. Therefore, it is prayed that the applicant be granted bail.



4. On the other hand, the learned State counsel opposes the bail application and submits the charge-sheet has been filed in this case.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused all of the documents available on record.
6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, nature and gravity of allegation levelled against the applicant and the fact that there is no documentary evidence to substantiate the allegations and no suicide note has been recovered, further the applicant has no previous criminal antecedents, the charge-sheet has been filed in this case and the applicant is in jail since 01.04.2026 and conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, this Court is of the view that the applicants are entitled to be released on bail in this case.
7. Accordingly, the bail application is **allowed**. Let the applicant - **Nayandas Manikpuri**, involved in Crime No. 162/2026, registered at Police Station – Dongargarh, District- Rajnandgaon (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 108 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, be released on bail on his furnishing **a personal bond with two sureties each** in the like sum to the satisfaction of the court concerned with the following conditions:-
 - (i) The applicant shall file an undertaking to the effect that he shall not seek any adjournment on the dates fixed for evidence when the witnesses are present in court. In case of default of this condition, it shall be open for the trial court to treat it as abuse of liberty of bail and pass orders in accordance with law.
 - (ii) The applicant shall remain present before the trial court on each date fixed, either personally or through his



counsel. In case of their absence, without sufficient cause, the trial court may proceed against them under Section 269 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iii) In case, the applicant misuses the liberty of bail during trial and in order to secure their presence, proclamation under Section 84 of BNSS. is issued and the applicant fails to appear before the Court on the date fixed in such proclamation, then, the trial court shall initiate proceedings against him, in accordance with law, under Section 209 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iv) The applicant shall remain present, in person, before the trial court on the dates fixed for (i) opening of the case, (ii) framing of charge and (iii) recording of statement under Section 351 of BNSS. If in the opinion of the trial court absence of the applicants are deliberate or without sufficient cause, then it shall be open for the trial court to treat such default as abuse of liberty of bail and proceed against him in accordance with law.

8. Office is directed to send a certified copy of this order to the trial Court concerned for necessary information and compliance forthwith.

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