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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR
 KEDAR SAHU **versus** STATE OF CHHATTISGARH
CRA No. 1048 of 2026
Order Sheet

07/08/2026	Mr. C.R. Sahu, counsel for the appellant. Mr. Vivek Sharma, Panel Lawyer for the State. In pursuance of earlier direction given by this Court, victim along with her father have appeared before this Court and raised no objection about releasing the appellant on bail and their objection is taken on record. Heard on I.A.No.1 of 2026, which is an application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail to the appellant. By the impugned order dated 17-3--2026, learned trial Court has convicted and sentenced the the appellant in the following manner. <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">CONVICTION</th><th style="text-align: left;">SENTENCE</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>u/S. 354 of IPC</td><td>RI for one year and fine of Rs.1000/-, in default of payment of fine amount additional RI for one month.</td></tr> <tr> <td>u/S. 8 of POCSO Act 2012</td><td>RI for years and fine of Rs.1000/-, in default of payment of fine amount additional RI for one month.</td></tr> </tbody> </table> Both sentences are directed to run	CONVICTION	SENTENCE	u/S. 354 of IPC	RI for one year and fine of Rs.1000/-, in default of payment of fine amount additional RI for one month.	u/S. 8 of POCSO Act 2012	RI for years and fine of Rs.1000/-, in default of payment of fine amount additional RI for one month.
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concurrently.

Learned counsel for the appellant would submit that the maximum sentence awarded to the appellant by the trial Court is three years and during the trial the appellant was in jail from 1-8-2023 to 1-9-2023 ie., one month. He would further submit that the prosecution is unable to prove the age of the victim, from perusal of evidence of PW/1, the trial Court was not justified in recording the finding of conviction against the appellant under Section 8 of the POCSO Act and appeal may take for some time for its final disposal, therefore, he would pray for suspension of sentence and grant of bail.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposing the bail application would submit that there is sufficient material available in the case diary against the appellant regarding commission of offence and he would pray for rejection of the bail application.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.

Considering the fact that the appellant is in jail for one month and further fact that criminal appeal is likely to take some time for its final disposal, I am inclined to release the appellant on bail.

Accordingly, I.A.No.1 of 2026 is allowed and it is directed that sentence imposed upon the appellant during pendency of the appeal shall remain suspended and on appellant's executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs. 25,000/- with a surety of Rs. 25,000/- to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, he shall be released on bail. He is directed to appear before the trial Court

Raju	18-9-2026 and thereafter he shall appear there on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the trial. Sd/- (Narendra Kumar Vyas) Judge
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