



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRR No. 547 of 2026

- Vishnu Prasad Verma S/o Late Ghanshyam Singh Verma Aged About 58 Years R/o Village- Iraikhurd, Police Station- Ghumka, Distt. Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

... Applicant

versus

- State of Chhattisgarh Through District Magistrate, Distt.- Durg (C.G.)

... Respondent

Order Sheet

23/04/2026	Mr. Rajkumar Pali, Advocate for the Applicant. Mr. Amit Verma, Panel Lawyer for the State/respondent. Heard on admission. Admit. Call for the record. Also heard on I.A. No.01/2026, an application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail to the applicant. By the impugned judgment dated 15.04.2026 passed

by the learned Second Additional Sessions Judge, Durg, District Durg (C.G.) in Criminal Appeal Case No. 42/2026, affirming the judgment dated 19.11.2025 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Durg, District Durg, C.G. in Complaint Case No. 3467/2018 for the offence punishable under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code (for short, "IPC"), the appeal has been partly allowed by reducing the sentence of rigorous imprisonment from three years to two years, with a fine of Rs.1,000/-. In default of payment of fine, the applicant shall undergo simple imprisonment for 15 days.

Learned counsel for the applicant submits that both the learned trial Court as well as the Appellate Court have not properly appreciated the evidence available on record while holding the applicant guilty. He further submits that during the course of trial, the applicant was on bail and did not misuse the liberty granted to him. It is also submitted that the applicant is in custody since 15.04.2026, i.e., from the date of passing of the impugned judgment by the Appellate Court and that the final disposal of the criminal revision is likely to take some time. Therefore, it is prayed that the substantive jail sentence of the applicant be suspended

during the pendency of the present criminal revision.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the documents available on record.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the detention period of the applicant and further considering that during the course of trial, the applicant was on bail and did not misuse the liberty granted to him and that the disposal of this revision is likely to take some time, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court is of the opinion that present is a fit case to suspend the substantive jail sentence imposed upon the applicant and to release him on bail.

Accordingly, the application (I.A. No. 01/2026) is allowed. It is directed that the substantive jail sentence imposed upon the applicant shall remain suspended till final disposal of this case on his executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- with one surety for the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court for his appearance before the Registry of this Court on 22nd July, 2026. He shall thereafter appear before the concerned trial Court on a date

<i>Priyanka</i>	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 him by the said Court till disposal of this revision. List this case for final hearing in due course. Sd/- (Radhakishan Agrawal) Judge
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