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NAFR**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****MCRC No. 4074 of 2026**

Ravi Panjwani S/o Manamal Panjwani Aged About 50 Years R/o Sarthi Chowk, Lakhenagar, Raipur P.S. Purani Basti, Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh (Details Of The Applicant Has Not Mentioned In Annexure A-1)

--- Applicant**versus**

State of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Civil Lines, Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.)

--- Non-Applicant**Along with****MCRC No. 4103 of 2026**

Dhirendra Nirmalkar S/o Mahesh Nirmalkar Aged About 22 Years R/o 95/195, Guru Gobind Singh Dhobipara, Pandri, Raipur District Raipur Chhattisgarh.

--- Applicant**Versus**

State of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Civil Lines, Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh.

--- Non-Applicant**Along with****MCRC No. 4101 of 2026**

Rupesh Mahanand S/o Shri Ashok Mahanand Aged About 23 Years R/o Near Shiv Mandir Panipath Gali, Jagannath Nagar, Shankar Nagar Raipur, P.S. Khamhardih, District- Raipur (C.G.)



--- Applicant

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station
Cyber Range Civil Lines, Raipur, District- Raipur (C.G.)

--- Non-Applicant

Along with

MCRC No. 4094 of 2026

Ritik Sharma S/o Anil Sharma Aged About 25 Years R/o Bajrang Chowk,
Ward No. 12, Tilda, District- Raipur (C.G.)

--- Applicant

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station-
Cyber Police Station Range/civil Line, Raipur, District- Raipur (C.G.)

--- Non-Applicant

Along with

MCRC No. 4077 of 2026

Suryakant Tiwari S/o Ramratan Tiwari Aged About 27 Years R/o - H.No.
431, Ward No. 44, Purana Kashiram Nagar, Telibandha, Raipur, District-
Raipur (C.G.)

--- Applicant

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh Through- Thana Civil Line, Raipur, District- Raipur
(C.G.)

--- Non-Applicant

For respective Applicants : Mr. C.R. Sahu, Advocate
Mr. Arun Kukreja, Advocate
Mr. Hardik Jaiswal, Advocate through V.C.
Mr. Sejal Sahu, Advocate
Ms. Khushbu Sahu, Advocate

For Non-Applicant/State : Ms. Vaishali Mahilong, Deputy G.A.



Hon'ble Mr. Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Order on Board

04.05.2026

1. Since the above-mentioned five second bail applications arise out of same incident, same crime number and registered at same police station, they are clubbed and heard together and are being disposed of by this common order.
2. These are the **Second Bail Applications** filed under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicants who have been arrested in connection with Crime No. 129/2025 registered at Police Station- Civil Line, Raipur, District- Raipur, (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 317(2), 317(4), 317(5), 111 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. The earlier bail applications of the applicants were rejected by this Court on merits.
4. The facts of the case, in brief, are that upon receipt of information through the Cyber Crime Reporting Portal regarding fraudulent opening and operation of multiple bank accounts in Finance Bank, Civil Lines Branch, Raipur, which were allegedly being used for routing and receiving proceeds of cyber fraud, and involving embezzlement of an amount of Rs. 54,10,855/-, the Police Headquarters directed initiation of necessary action. Pursuant thereto, the said information was forwarded to Police Station Civil Lines, Raipur, where FIR No. 129/2025 came to be registered against several account holders, including the present applicants,



for offences punishable under Sections 317(2), 317(4), 317(5), 111 and 3(5) of the BNS. During the course of investigation, it surfaced that the applicants/accused persons were allegedly part of a large-scale organized cyber-crime syndicate and, in connivance with other co-accused, had opened and operated multiple mule bank accounts in fictitious or different names for the purpose of receiving, layering and siphoning off the proceeds of cyber fraud. These accounts were purportedly utilized for transferring substantial amounts obtained through online cheating of innocent victims across various places. Hence, the present applications.

5. Learned counsels for the applicants submit that the first bail applications of the applicants were rejected on merits by this Court, thereafter, the applicants have preferred present second bail applications on the ground that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Criminal Appeal No.4494/2025 arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.13678/2025, has granted regular bail to identically situated co-accused, namely, Ishika Singh, and thereafter, on the ground of parity other co-accused, namely, Avinash Tandekar, Krishna Ghodesawar and Abhinav Nagwanshi have been granted bail by this Hon'ble Court vide orders dated 08.01.2026, 28.01.2026 and 15.04.2026 in MCRC Nos. 148 of 2026, 902 of 2026, and 3363 of 2026 respectively, therefore, they pray that the present applicants are also entitled to be released on bail on the ground of parity.
6. On the other hand, learned State Counsel opposes the bail applications and submits that the charge-sheet has been filed in the



present case. She further submits that the applicants along with co-accused persons, was involved in organized cyber fraud and facilitated the diversion and circulation of proceeds of crime of huge amount by opening and using multiple banks accounts, but could not dispute the fact that identically situated co-accused, Ishika Singh has already been granted bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court as well as other co-accused persons have already been granted bail by this Hon'ble Court and the case of the present applicants are identical to that of the co-accused.

7. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.
8. From perusal of the records, it transpires that these are the second bail applications of the applicants and first bail applications of the applicants were rejected by this Court on the ground that the applicants' bank account was used for receiving proceeds of cyber fraud. A substantial amount was credited and largely withdrawn, indicating active participation, but considering the fact that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Criminal Appeal No.4494/2025 arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.13678/2025, has granted regular bail to identically situated co-accused, namely, Ishika Singh and thereafter, on the ground of parity other co-accused, namely, Avinash Tandekar, Krishna Ghodesawar and Abhinav Nagwanshi have been granted bail by this Court vide orders dated 08.01.2026, 28.01.2026 and 15.04.2026 in MCRC Nos. 148 of 2026, 902 of 2026, and 3363 of 2026 respectively, further charge-sheet has been filed, as such, this Court is of the view that the applicants are



entitled to be released on bail in these cases.

9. Accordingly, the bail applications of the applicants are **allowed**.
10. Let the Applicants – **Ravi Panjwani, Dharendra Nirmalkar, Rupesh Mahanand, Ritik Sharma** and **Suryakant Tiwari**, involved in Crime No. 129/2025 registered at Police Station- Civil Line, Raipur, District- Raipur, (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 317(2), 317(4), 317(5), 111 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, be released on bail on furnishing **personal bond** with **two sureties each** in the like sum to the satisfaction of the Court concerned with the following conditions:-
- (i) The applicants shall file an undertaking to the effect that they 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 applicants shall remain present before the trial court on each date fixed, either personally or through their 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 applicants misuse the liberty of bail during trial and in order to secure their presence, proclamation under Section 84 of BNSS. is issued and the applicants fail to appear before the court on the



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date fixed in such proclamation, then, the trial court shall initiate proceedings against them, in accordance with law, under Section 209 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iv) The applicants 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 them in accordance with law.

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

Sd/-

(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

Rahul Dewangan