

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****CRA No. 1196 of 2026**

Babludas Manikpuri

**versus**

State of Chhattisgarh

**Order Sheet**

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| <b>18/06/2026</b> | <p>Heard Mr. Pushkar Sinha, learned counsel for the appellant. Also heard Mr. Sourabh Sahu, learned Panel Lawyer, appearing for the State/respondent.</p> <p>I.A. No. 1 of 2026 is an application filed by the appellant seeking condonation of delay of 41 days in preferring the appeal.</p> <p>Since Mr. Sourabh Sahu, learned Panel Lawyer, appearing for the respondent/State, has no objection to the condonation of delay, and considering that the accused has a statutory right to</p> |

prefer an appeal, and further that the cause shown by the appellants for filing the appeal beyond the prescribed period appears to be satisfactory, the delay in filing the present appeal is hereby condoned.

The appeal is admitted.

As Mr. Sourabh Sahu, learned Panel Lawyer, has already entered appearance on behalf of the respondent/State, issuance of fresh notice to the respondent is dispensed with.

The State is directed to file its reply/objection to I.A. No. 2 of 2026 (application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail) within a period of two weeks. The State shall also inform this Court regarding the criminal antecedents of the appellant.

The records of the learned trial Court have already been received.

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

List the matter thereafter for consideration of  
I.A. No. 1 of 2026 (application for suspension of  
sentence and grant of bail).

**Sd/-**  
**(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)**  
**Judge**

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