



## HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

### CRR No. 641 of 2026

**1** - Suresh Chandra Tiwari S/o Late Lallan Tiwari Aged About 58 Years (Presently Aged About 65 Years Old), R/o Parshuram Nagar, Dadar Khurda, Chowki Manikpur, Police Station- Kotwali, District- Korba, Chhattisgarh.

**... Applicant(s)**

**versus**

**1** - State Of Chhattisgarh Through District Magistrate, Korba, District- Korba, Chhattisgarh.

**... Respondent(s)**

### Order Sheet

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| <b>08/05/2026</b> | <p>Mr. Manoj Paranjape, Sr. Counsel assisted by Mr. Anshul Tiwari, counsel for the applicant.</p> <p>Mr. Anand Verma, PL for the State.</p> <p>Heard on admission.</p> <p>The revision is admitted for hearing.</p> <p>Call for the records of the trial court as well as the appellate court.</p> <p>Also heard on I.A. No. 01/2026, which is an application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail.</p> <p>The applicant is aggrieved by the judgment dated</p> |
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04.05.2026 passed in Criminal Appeal No. 34/2025 whereby the learned Appellate Court, while partly allowing the appeal, acquitted the applicant of the charge punishable under Section 120-B of the IPC, however, affirmed the conviction and sentence recorded against him under Section 420 of the IPC by the learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Korba vide judgment dated 06.05.2025 passed in Criminal Case No. 2912/2022.

Learned counsel appearing for the applicant submits that the total substantive sentence awarded to the applicant is three years and that he has remained in custody since 04.05.2026. It is further submitted that the applicant, aged about 65 years, has been sentenced to undergo RI for three years along with a fine of Rs.10,000/- alongwith compensation of Rs.25,50,000/-. He further submits that while granting anticipatory bail to the co-accused, namely, Sudha Tiwari, wife of the applicant, the Apex Court, vide order dated 26.03.2021 passed in Cr.A. No.372/2021, directed deposit of Rs.10,00,000/-, which amount has already been deposited and the applicant undertakes to abide by the final outcome of the proceedings.

It is further contended that during the course of trial as well as pendency of the appeal, the applicant remained on bail and never misused the liberty so granted. He submits that the applicant is ready and willing to deposit the compensation amount awarded by the trial Court, for which reasonable time may be granted so as to enable him to arrange and deposit the said amount before the trial Court. It is also submitted that the revision pertains to the year 2026

and final adjudication thereof is likely to take considerable time; therefore, the applicant may be enlarged on bail.

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

Having considered the submissions advanced by learned counsel for the parties, particularly taking into account the nature of allegations against the applicant, the fact that during trial as well as during pendency of the appeal he remained on bail without any misuse of liberty and further considering that the revision is of the year 2026 and its final adjudication is likely to take its own time, this Court is inclined to allow the application.

Accordingly, I.A. No.01/2026 stands allowed. It is directed that the applicant shall be released on bail upon furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with one solvent surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court. The applicant shall appear before the Registry of this Court on 30.06.2026 and thereafter before the trial Court on all such dates as may be directed.

It is further directed that the applicant shall deposit the entire compensation amount of Rs.25,50,000/-, as awarded by the trial Court, within a period of 45 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, failing which the learned trial Court shall be at liberty to initiate recovery proceedings in accordance with law.

Sd/-

(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)  
Judge