



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRA No. 1300 of 2026

***BHUNESHWAR RATHORE @ BEERU versus STATE OF
CHHATTISGARH***

Order Sheet

02/06/2026	<i>Mr. Punit Ruparel, counsel for the appellant.</i> <i>Mr. Vinod Kumar Tekam, Govt. Advocate for State/respondent.</i> <i>Heard counsel for the appellant as well as counsel for State.</i> <i>The appeal is admitted for hearing.</i> <i>Call for the record of the trial Court.</i> <i>Heard on I.A. No.1/2026, an application under Section 430(2) of BNSS for suspension of sentence and grant of bail.</i> <i>By the impugned judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 29.04.2026 passed in Special Sessions Case No.31/2024 by the Special Judge (SC/ST Act), Janjgir, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.), appellant has been convicted and sentenced in the following manner with a direction to run the jail sentences concurrently:-</i>

Conviction	Sentence
<i>Under Section 354 of Indian Penal Code.</i>	<i>R.I. for 2 years and fine of Rs.500/-, in default of payment of fine amount additional R.I. for 15 days.</i>
<i>Under Section 354 A(1)(i)(ii) of Indian Penal Code.</i>	<i>R.I. for 2 years and fine of Rs.500/-, in default of payment of fine amount additional R.I. for 15 days.</i>

Learned counsel for the appellant submits that total period of sentence awarded to the appellant is of 2 years and during the trial he was on bail and even after his conviction and sentence, learned trial Court has granted bail to the appellant for a limited period. He further submits that final hearing will take its own time, therefore, the appellant may be enlarged on bail.

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

Considering the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and total period of sentence awarded to the appellant and further, the fact that during the trial, he was on bail and final adjudication of the appeal will take its own time, therefore, I am inclined to release the appellant on bail.

It is directed that the substantive jail sentence imposed upon the appellant shall remain suspended during the pendency of this appeal and he shall be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in like sum to the satisfaction of

Siddhant	<i>the trial Court for his appearance before the Registry of this Court on 10.08.2026. He shall thereafter appear before the trial Court on a date to be given by the Registry of this Court and shall continue to appear there on all such subsequent dates as are given to him by the said Court, till disposal of this appeal.</i> <i>Accordingly, I.A. No.1/2026, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail is allowed.</i> <i>Also heard on I. A. No. 2/2026, an application for hearing the case during summer vacation as well as I.A. No. 3/2026, an application for urgent hearing.</i> <i>On due consideration, both the applications(I.A. No. 2/2026 and I.A. No. 3/2026) are hereby disposed of.</i> Sd/- (Amitendra Kishore Prasad) Judge
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