



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRA No. 1340 of 2026

SANTLAL RAY versus STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order Sheet

02/06/2026	<i>Mr. Samir Singh, counsel for the appellant.</i> <i>Mr. Ram Narayan Sahu, Dy. 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 of BNSS for suspension of sentence and grant of bail.</i> <i>By the impugned judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 19.05.2026 passed in ST No.45/2025 by the learned Second Additional Sessions Judge, Bemetara District Bemetara (C.G.), appellant has been convicted and sentenced in the following manner with a direction to run the jail sentences concurrently:-</i>

Conviction	Sentence
Under Section 238 (B) of Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita.	R.I. for 1 year and fine of Rs.1,000/-, in default of payment of fine additional R.I. for 2 months.

Learned counsel for the appellant submits that total period of sentence awarded to the appellant is of 1 year 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 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.

Accordingly, I.A. No.1/2026, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail is allowed.

Also heard on I.A. No. 2/2026, an application for urgent hearing as well as I. A. No. 3/2026, an application for hearing the case during summer vacation.

On due consideration, both the applications(I.A. No. 2/2026 and I.A. No. 3/2026) are hereby disposed of.

Sd/-

**(Amitendra Kishore Prasad)
Judge**

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