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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRMP No. 1485 of 2026

Suraj Pandey S/o Late Kamod Pandey Aged About 29 Years R/o Raghu Vihar,
Ashok Nagar Sarkanda, P.S. Sarkanda, Distt. Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh

... **Petitioner**

versus

State of Chhattisgarh Through P.S. Sirgitti Distt. Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh

... **Respondent**

For Petitioner	: None
For Respondent/State	: Ms. Ritika Verma, Panel Lawyer.

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice **Order on Board**

18.06.2026

1. This is an office reference.
2. This Court, vide order dated 29.07.2024 passed in MCRC No. 4598 of 2024, while rejecting the bail of the applicant, namely, Suraj Pandey, had expressed its trust that the trial Court would make an earnest endeavor to conclude the trial expeditiously in accordance with law, preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of that order, if there was no legal impediment.
3. Earlier on five occasions also this Court had granted extension of time for compliance of the order dated 29.07.2024.
4. The learned Additional Sessions Judge, (FTC), Bilaspur District-Bilaspur (C.G.) vide his request letter dated 22.05.2026 has requested for grant of some



more time for concluding the trial.

5. It transpires from the PUD that, pursuant to the order dated 15.04.2026 passed by this Court, Session Trial No. 71/2024 (State of Chhattisgarh v. Suraj Pandey) was required to be concluded within a period of one month. It is revealed that, upon receipt of the said order, the matter was fixed for prosecution evidence and the prosecution evidence stood concluded on 21.04.2026. Thereafter, the statement of the accused was also recorded and the case was fixed for defence evidence. However, time was sought on behalf of the defence for leading evidence and, therefore, the defence evidence could not be completed within the stipulated period. Consequently, the matter could not be made ready for final arguments and pronouncement of judgment within the time granted by this Court.

6. Considering the stage of the trial and the proceedings already concluded, the request for extension of time appears to be reasonable. The trial Court is, therefore, granted further time and is directed to conclude the trial within a further period of 03 months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

7. Accordingly, this CRMP stands **disposed off** with the aforesaid direction.

8. Registry is directed to send a certified copy of this order to the trial Court concerned for necessary information and compliance.

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

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