



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRA No. 1349 of 2026

1 - Bharat Panigrahi S/o Gannath Panigrahi Aged About 48 Years Resident Of Village Bramhani, Police Station Saintala, District Balangir (Odisha)

2 - Radheshyam Panigrahi S/o Bharat Panigrahi Aged About 20 Years Resident Of Village Bramhani, Police Station Saintala, District Balangir (Odisha)

... Appellants.

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through- The Police Station Kotwali Rajnandgaon, District Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

... Respondent.

Order Sheet

04/06/2026	Mr. Raghvendra Pradhan, Counsel for the appellants. Mr. Priyank Rathi, Government Advocate for the Respondent/State. Heard. Admit. Also heard on IA No.01/2026, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail. By the impugned judgment of conviction and order of
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sentence 11.05.2026 (Annexure-A/1) passed by the learned Special Judge (NDPS Act) Rajnandgaon, District Rajnandgaon (CG) in Special (NDPS) Case No.14/2025, the appellants have been convicted and sentenced in the following manner:-

Conviction u/s.	Sentence	Fine	Default
20(b)(ii)(B) of the NDPS Act	RI for 3 years	Rs.10,000/-	RI for 3 months.
(for both the appellants)			

Learned counsel for the appellants submits that the appellants have been convicted for the maximum period of 3 years. He would further submit that the appellants were on bail during trial and their sentence has also been suspended by the learned Special Judge after passing of impugned judgement till decision on suspension application before the High Court and next date is fixed for 10.06.2026. He also submits that the fine amount imposed by the learned Special Judge has already been paid. There is no previous criminal antecedents of the appellants and the appellants have a good case to get success in this appeal. He also submits that the appellants are ready to abide by all terms and conditions imposed on them while granting bail. Hence, IA No.01/2026 may be allowed and the sentence imposed upon the appellants may be suspended till disposal of the instant appeal.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application and submit that total 8 Kg of contraband Ganja has been seized from the joint possession of the appellants, therefore, their application for suspension and grant of bail may be rejected.

Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the impugned judgment.

Having considered the maximum sentence awarded to the appellants which is 3 years and further considering that fine amount has already been deposited, the appellants were on bail during trial and the appellants were also granted bail by the learned Special Judge after passing of impugned judgment, I feel inclined to allow the application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail to the appellants.

Accordingly IA No.01/2026 is **allowed**.

The substantive jail sentences imposed upon the appellants by the learned Special Court is hereby suspended. The appellants shall be released on bail on executing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one local surety, each, of the like amount to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court for their appearance before the Registry of this Court on **20.07.2026**. They shall thereafter appear before the concerned 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 them by the said Court, interval being not less than 6 months, till final disposal of this appeal.

	Call for the record from the concerned Special Court. List this case thereafter for final hearing. In view of above, application for hearing the case during summer vacation and application for urgent hearing (IA No.2/2026 and IA No.3/2026) stand disposed of. Sd/- (Naresh Kumar Chandravanshi) Judge
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