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NAFR**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****M.Cr.C No.5298 of 2026**

Santosh Dhanwani S/o Deepak Dhanwani Aged About 29 Years
R/o Katora Talab, Street No. 6, In Front Of Bank Of Baroda, P.S.
Civil Lines, Distt. Raipur Chhattisgarh **... Applicant**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer (S.H.O.) P.S.
Tikrapara, Distt. Raipur Chhattisgarh **... Non-applicant**

For Applicant :Mr. Shalvin Sharma, Advocate.

For Non-applicant/State :Ms. Vaishali Mahilang, Advocate.

Hon'ble Mr. Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice**Order on Board****18.06.2026**

1. This is the 1st bail application filed under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the Applicant who has been arrested in connection with



Crime No.600/2025 registered at Police Station – Tikrapara, Raipur, District- Raipur (C.G.), for the offences under Sections 21(c), 27, 27(A) and 29 of NDPS Act as also under Section 111 of BNS and 25 of Arms Act.

2. Brief facts of the case are that on 03.08.2025, acting upon a credible tip-off regarding illegal trafficking of heroin ("Chitta"), the police of Police Station Tikrapara, Raipur, conducted a raid at House No.504, EWS B Block, Kamal Vihar, Raipur. During the raid, three persons namely Lavjeet Singh, Suvit Srivastava and Ashwan Chandrawanshi, were apprehended and 412.87 grams of heroin, valued at approximately Rs.41.20 lakh, along with a Hyundai Creta, six mobile phones, a digital weighing scale and other articles, were seized. Based on the aforesaid allegations, the police registered the offences as mentioned above against the present Applicant. Hence, this application.
3. Learned counsel for the Applicant submits that the Applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is argued that no contraband has been seized from the possession of the Applicant and his name has surfaced only on the basis of the memorandum statement of a co-accused person. He further submits that the only material against the Applicant is certain bank transactions between



him and the main accused Ashwin Chandravanshi, which by themselves do not establish his involvement in the alleged offence and the conclusion of trial is likely to take considerable time, therefore, it is prayed that he may be enlarged on regular bail.

4. On the other hand, learned State Counsel opposes the application and submits that as many as 28 accused persons are involved in the crime and approximately 412 gms of heroin has been seized during the investigation. It is further submitted that the case diary reveals links between the present Applicant and the co-accused persons. However, she fairly concedes that no seizure has been effected from the possession of the present Applicant. She further submits that the bail applications of seven other co-accused persons have already been rejected by this Court vide orders dated 23.02.2026, 27.02.2026, 23.03.2026 and 01.04.2026 passed in M.Cr.C. Nos. 10347/2025, 7965/2025, 2028/2026, 2678/2026, 2636/2026, 2899/2026 and 2901/2026, respectively, therefore, the application for regular bail of the present Applicant may also be rejected.
5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and on perusal of the case diary, this Court finds that the present case relates to a large-scale narcotics offence involving 28



accused persons and seizure of 412 grams of heroin. The material collected during investigation prima facie indicates the Applicant's connection with the co-accused persons, including financial transactions with the main accused. Considering the nature and gravity of the offence, the allegations regarding the Applicant's involvement in the criminal network and taking note of the fact that the bail applications of several co-accused persons have already been rejected by this Court, this Court is not inclined to grant regular bail to the Applicant, at this stage.

6. Accordingly, the bail application of the applicant – **Santosh Dhanwani** involved in Crime No. 600/2025 registered at Police Station – Tikrapara, Raipur, District- Raipur (C.G.), for the offences under Sections 21(c), 27, 27(a) and 29 of NDPS Act as also under Section 111 of BNS and 25 of Arms Act is hereby **rejected**.
7. Office is directed to send a certified copy of this order to the trial Court concerned for necessary information.

Sd/
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice