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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 5965 of 2026

Minal Nikunj D/o Bimal Nikunj Aged About 21 Years R/o Village Keradih
Rainidand, P.S. Narayanpur, Distt. Jashpur, Chhattisgarh

... Applicant

versus

State of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Narayanpur, District Jashpur
Chhattisgarh

... Non-Applicant

For Applicant : Mr. Manoj Kumar Yadav, Advocate.

For Non-Applicant/State : Ms. Monika Thakur, Panel Lawyer.

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

07.07.2026

1. This is the first 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. 114/2025 registered at Police Station - Narayanpur, District – Jashpur (C.G.), for the offences punishable under Sections 331(4), 305(a) and 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
2. As per the FIR (Crime No. 114/2025) registered at Police Station Narayanpur, the complainant, Sushma Nikunj, reported on 05.12.2025 that on 27.08.2025, she, along with her husband and nephew, Jatin Nikunj, had gone to their old house situated at Keradih Rainidand, where



she discovered that a VIP suitcase kept inside the diwan had been stolen.

The suitcase allegedly contained cash amounting to Rs. 15 lakhs and gold coins/biscuits. On the basis of the said report, the present applicant and several other persons were named as accused.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the present applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the aforesaid case. He further submits that the charge-sheet has been filed. He also submits that the applicant has no criminal antecedents. He submits that the other co-accused person, namely, Alisha Bhagat has already been granted regular bail by this Court in MCRC No. 4702/2026 vide order dated 15.06.2026 and the applicant is in jail since 15.12.2025. Therefore, he submits that the present applicant is also entitled to be released on regular bail on the ground of parity.
4. On the other hand, learned State Counsel opposes the bail application and submits that the charge-sheet has been filed in the present case but he could not dispute the fact that the co-accused has already been granted bail by this Court.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.
6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegations and the material available on record, the fact that the applicant has no criminal antecedents and the charge-sheet has been filed, also considering the fact that co-accused person, Alisha Bhagat has already been granted regular bail by this Court in MCRC No. 4702/2026 vide order dated 15.06.2026 and the applicant is in jail since 15.12.2025 therefore, this Court is of the view that the present applicant is entitled to be released on bail in this case on the ground of parity.
7. Accordingly, the bail application is **allowed**. Let the Applicant –



Minal Nikunj, involved in Crime No. 114/2025 registered at Police Station - Narayanpur, District - Jashpur (C.G.), for the offences punishable under Sections 331(4), 305(a) and 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, be released on bail on his furnishing **personal bond** with **two sureties** in the like sum to the satisfaction of the Court concerned with the following conditions:-

(i) The applicant shall file an undertaking to the effect that she shall not seek any adjournment on the dates fixed for evidence when the witnesses are present in court. In case of default of this condition, it shall be open for the trial court to treat it as abuse of liberty of bail and pass orders in accordance with law.

(ii) The applicant shall remain present before the trial court on each date fixed, either personally or through her counsel. In case of her absence, without sufficient cause, the trial court may proceed against her under Section 269 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iii) In case, the applicant misuses the liberty of bail during trial and in order to secure her presence, proclamation under Section 84 of BNSS. is issued and the applicant fails to appear before the court on the date fixed in such proclamation, then, the trial court shall initiate proceedings against her, in accordance with law, under Section 209 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iv) The applicant shall remain present, in person, before the trial court on the dates fixed for (i) opening of the case, (ii) framing of charge and (iii) recording of statement



under Section 351 of BNSS. If in the opinion of the trial court absence of the applicant is deliberate or without sufficient cause, then it shall be open for the trial court to treat such default as abuse of liberty of bail and proceed against her in accordance with law.

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

**Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice**