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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR**CRMP No. 1804 of 2026****DEVNATH CHOUHAN versus STATE OF CHHATTISGARH****Order Sheet**

20/07/2026	This is an Office reference, listed for extension of time. Dr. Surendra Kumar Dewangan, P.L. for the State. Pursuant to the order of this Court dated 14.07.2026, a report has been received from the concerned Trial Court through the Sessions Judge, Mahasamund. On perusal of the entire record, it is evident that the accused, Devnath Chauhan, is in custody since 13.09.2021. An order for expeditious disposal of the trial within four months was passed on 14.07.2025 in MCRC No. 5092/2025. Thereafter, on the request of the Trial Court, the time was extended by three months vide order dated 27.11.2025 passed in CRMP No. 3609/2025, and again by three months vide order dated 17.03.2026 passed in CRMP No. 767/2026. The present CRMP seeking further extension is now pending. In response to this Court's direction, a report has been called for and received from the Trial Court, which states that examination of eight prosecution witnesses is still pending.

H.L. Sahu	In view of the prayer made and the report received, time for disposal of the trial is extended by a further period of three months and the Trial Court is directed to issue all summons, bailable warrants and non-bailable warrants to the witnesses through the Superintendent of Police, Mahasamund. The Superintendent of Police, Mahasamund, shall ensure strict and timely compliance with the same and shall submit a compliance report to the concerned Trial Court. The Prosecution wing and the learned counsel for the accused/defence are also directed to extend full cooperation for expeditious disposal of the trial in terms of this order. It is also directed that the Trial Court shall submit a status report to this Court on the 20th of every month, with the first status report to be submitted on 20.08.2026. List this matter for appropriate proceeding on 24.08.2026. The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order to the concerned Trial Court, the Principal District & Sessions Judge, Mahasamund, the Superintendent of Police, Mahasamund, and the Prosecution wing, Saraipali (C.G.) forthwith, for information and necessary compliance. Sd/- (Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal) Judge
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