



CGHC010304692026

## HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

### CRA No. 1978 of 2026

Dinesh Kumar Verma, S/o Leeladhar Verma, aged about 25 years, R/o Village Kailaspur Out Post Wadrafnagar Police Station- Basanapur, District Balrampur-Ramanujgauj (C.G.)

**... Appellant**

**versus**

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station – Basantpur, District Balrampur-Ramanujganj (C.G.)

**... Respondent**

### Order Sheet

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| <b>09/09/2026</b> | <p>Dr. Prachi Diwan, counsel for the appellant.</p> <p>Mr. Siddharth Sharma, PL for the State / respondent.</p> <p>Heard on admission.</p> <p>The appeal, being arguable, is admitted for hearing.</p> <p>Issue notice to the respondent.</p> <p>Learned State counsel accepts notice on behalf of the State/respondent, therefore, issuance of notice to it, is dispensed with.</p> <p>Also heard on I.A. No.1/2026, application for suspension of sentence and for grant of bail to the appellant during pendency of appeal.</p> |

By the impugned judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 29.07.2026 (Annexure-A/1) passed by the First Upper Sessions Judge, Ramanujganj, District Balrampur – Ramanujganj (C.G.) in Sessions Trial No. 15/2023, the appellant has been convicted and sentenced in the following manner :-

| S.No. | Conviction          | Sentence                                                                                                                                           |
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| 01.   | U/s. 354 of IPC     | Rigorous imprisonment for four years and fine of Rs.500/-, in default thereof, to undergo additional rigorous imprisonment for six months          |
| 02.   | U/s. 354 (A) of IPC | Rigorous imprisonment for three years and fine of Rs. 500/-, in default thereof, to further undergo additional rigorous imprisonment for 6 months. |

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| 03. | U/s. 146 /196 of Motor Vehicles Act | Fine sentence of 2,000/-, in default thereof, to undergo additional rigorous imprisonment for 15 days.            |
| 02. | U/s. 3 / 181 of Motor Vehicles Act. | Fine sentence of Rs.5,000/-, in default thereof, to further undergo additional rigorous imprisonment for 15 days. |

All the sentences shall run concurrently.

Counsel for the appellant submits that the appellant and the victim are residents of nearby villages and were well known to each other prior to the incident. It is further submitted that, although the incident was disclosed to the family members of the victim, the FIR was lodged subsequently under pressure. He further submits that the maximum sentence awarded to the appellant is four years' imprisonment and that the appellant has been in custody since 29.07.2026, i.e., from the date of the judgment. It is also submitted that the appellant has a good case on merits and there are reasonable chances of success in the appeal. Therefore, learned counsel prays that the application for suspension of sentence may kindly be allowed and the sentence imposed upon the appellant may be suspended during the pendency and until the final disposal of the appeal.

Per contra, learned State counsel opposes the application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail to the appellant.

Heard counsel for the parties and perused the material available on record

Having regard to the period of sentence already undergone by the appellant, the evidence available on record, and the fact that the appeal is likely to take considerable time for its final disposal, this court is of the opinion that it is a fit case in which substantive sentence imposed on appellant can be suspended and he can be enlarged on bail. Accordingly, the bail application I.A. No. 1/2026 is allowed.

It is directed that substantive sentence imposed on the appellant/accused shall remain suspended and he shall be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety for the like sum to the

satisfaction of the trial Court for his appearance before the Registry of this Court on **13<sup>th</sup> October, 2026** and thereafter as and when directed in this behalf by the trial Court, till final disposal of the appeal. It is made clear that fine sentence is not suspended.

List the case for final hearing in the week after next.

Certified copy, as per rules.

Sd/-  
(Naresh Kumar Chandravanshi)  
Judge