

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****CRA No. 2025 of 2025****Bittu @ Balkrishna *versus* State of Chhattisgarh****Order Sheet**

23/01/2026	Heard Mr. Keshav Dewangan, learned counsel for the appellant. Also heard Mr. Sourabh Sahu, learned Panel Lawyer, appearing for the State/respondent. I.A. No. 2 of 2025 is an application seeking condonation of delay of 211 days in preferring the appeal. Since Mr. Sourabh Sahu, learned Panel Lawyer appearing for the respondent/State, has no objection to the delay being condoned, and considering that the accused has a statutory right to file an appeal and the cause shown for filing the

appeal beyond the prescribed period appears to be satisfactory, the delay in filing the present appeal is hereby condoned.

Admit.

As Mr. Sourabh Sahu, learned Panel Lawyer, has already entered appearance on behalf of the respondent/State, issuance of fresh notice to the respondent is dispensed with.

The State is directed to file its reply/objection to I.A. No. 1 of 2025 (application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail) within a period of two weeks. The learned State counsel is also directed to inform this Court regarding the criminal antecedents of the appellant.

Further, the learned State counsel is directed to inform the mother (PW-2) of the victim regarding the pendency of the appeal as well as the application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail, so that she may appear on the date fixed and object to the

prayer in the bail application through her counsel, if she so desires.

The trial Court records have already been received and the paper-book has been prepared.

List this matter thereafter for consideration on I.A. No. 1 of 2025 (application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail).

**Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge**

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