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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 10124 of 2025

Mahendra Kumar Katle S/o Late Hiramani Katle Aged About 35 Years R/o
Ward No.03, Katghora, Police Station - Katghora, District- Korba
Chhattisgarh. **... Applicant**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through- Police Station-Katghora, District- Korba,
Chhattisgarh, **... Respondent**

For Applicant	: Mr. Ravi Kumar Bhagat, Advocate.
For Non-applicant/State	: Ms. Smriti Shrivastava, Panel Lawyer.

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Order on Board

02.04.2026

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.
216/2025 registered at Police Station - Katghora, District- Korba (C.G.),
for the offences punishable under Section 108 of the BNS.
2. According to the prosecution story, the applicant was married to Anjali

Katle and, after marriage, the relationship between the couple was not cordial. It is alleged that on 09.06.2025, the deceased has committed suicide by hanging in applicant's House. Thereafter, oral information regarding the incident was given by Shashi Devi Katle, mother of the deceased, at Police Station Katghora on the same day. On the basis of the said information, the police registered an offence under Section 108 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita against the applicant and arrested him on 10.06.2025. After completion of investigation, the police filed the charge-sheet on 08.08.2025 before the competent Court, and thereafter the case was committed on 04.09.2025 to the Court of the learned First Additional Sessions Judge, Katghora for trial, where it was registered as Sessions Trial No. 68/2025.

- 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 applicant is a young man aged about 35 years, married, and is the sole breadwinner of his family, having the responsibility of maintaining his old-aged parents and other family members. The applicant is a daily wage labourer and his continued detention for almost six months has caused severe hardship to his family and adversely affected their livelihood. It is further submitted that due to strained relations between the husband and wife, the deceased took the extreme step on her own, and the applicant had no role in abetting or instigating her to commit suicide. The charge-sheet in Crime No. 216/2025 has already been filed and, therefore, there is no possibility of the applicant influencing or tampering with the prosecution witnesses. There is no direct evidence available on record to establish that the applicant was responsible for abetting the deceased to commit

suicide, and the allegations made in the FIR are vague and baseless. It is also submitted that the case was fixed for recording of evidence of prosecution witness No. 1, namely Jyoti Singh Anant, on 19.03.2026 before the trial Court, however, she did not appear for her cross-examination and none of the prosecution witnesses have been examined till date. Learned counsel further submits that the applicant is in jail since 10.06.2025, the conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time, and prolonged detention of the applicant amongst hardened criminals would adversely affect his mental condition and future prospects. Therefore, he prays for grant of regular bail to the present applicant.

4. On the other hand learned State counsel opposes the bail application of the present applicant and submits that the charge-sheet has been filed in the present case.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.
6. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the allegations levelled against the applicant, and further taking into account that the charge-sheet has already been filed before the competent Court, that the applicant has no criminal antecedents, and that he has been in jail since 10.06.2025, and as the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, this Court is inclined to grant regular bail to the present applicant. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed.
7. Let the Applicant – **Mahendra Kumar Katle**, involved in Crime No. 216/2025 registered at Police Station - Katghora, District- Korba (C.G.),

for the offences punishable under Section 108 of the BNS., be released on bail on his furnishing **personal bond** with **two local 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 he 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 his counsel. In case of his absence, without sufficient cause, the trial court may proceed against him under Section 269 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iii) In case, the applicant misuses the liberty of bail during trial and in order to secure his 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 him, 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 him 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

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