



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRR No. 32 of 2026

**1 - Sarojani Kewant W/o Parsiya Kewant Aged About 50 Years R/o Itwari Bazar,
Motisagar Para, Korba Tehsil And District- Korba (C.G.)**

... Petitioner(s)

versus

**1 - Sunita Agrawal W/o Vijay Agrawal Urf Pankaj Agrawal Aged About 28 Years
Purani Basti, Korba Tehsil And District- Korba (C.G.)**

... Respondent(s)

Order Sheet

09/01/2026	Mr. Aakash Aahuja, learned counsel for the applicant. Revision is admitted for hearing. Call for the record of the trial Court, as well as the appellate Court. Issue notice to the respondent on payment of PF as per rules. Also heard on IA-1 of 2026, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail to the applicant. This Criminal Revision is filed being aggrieved by the order dated 19.11.2025 passed by the learned Special Judge SC & ST (PA) Act, District- Korba (CG), in Criminal Appeal- 48 of 2025, whereby the judgment of conviction and sentence passed by the
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trial Court has been upheld.

Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that applicant has been convicted under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, and sentenced 01 month RI and compensation of Rs.2,20,000/-, payable in a month with default stipulation. There is no legally recoverable debt against the applicant; only on presumption, learned trial Court has convicted the applicant, and sentenced her. Maximum sentence awarded to the applicant is of 01 month, and there is no minimum sentence provided under Section 138 of the NI Act. During trial, as well as during the appeal, applicant was on bail, and not misused the liberty granted to him. Presently, applicant is in jail since 19.11.2025. Revision is of the year 2026, and final adjudication of the case will take its own time. Hence the application for grant of bail may be allowed.

Considering the submission of learned counsel for the applicant, also considering the nature of allegation, as also the fact that there is no minimum sentence for the offence under Section 138 of the NI Act, the revision is of the year 2026, and final adjudication of the case will take its own time, this court is inclined to allow the application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail to the applicant.

Accordingly, IA-1 of 2026, application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail is allowed and it is directed that execution of further substantive jail sentence of the applicant- **Sarojani Kewant W/o Parsiya Kewant** shall remain suspended and she shall be released on bail on her executing personal bond in sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of trial Court for her appearance before the Registry of this Court on **26.02.2026**. Thereafter, she shall appear before the trial Court on a date to be given by the Registry, and shall

continue to appear before the trial Court on all such subsequent dates as are given to her by the said Court, till disposal of this Revision petition.

It is further directed that the applicant shall deposit the entire amount of compensation i.e Rs.2,20,000/- within two months from today before the learned trial Court, failing which the trial Court shall initiate recovery proceeding of the compensation in accordance with law, without any further delay.

List this case in the week commencing **16.03.2026** for further consideration.

Sd/-

(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge