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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 53 of 2026

Virendra Urf Dhirendro Bagh S/o Alad Bagh Aged About 21 Years R/o Village
Jhudiyaaguda Police Station Vyapariguda, District : Koraput, Orissa

... **Applicant(s)**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Nagarnar,
District Bastar, Chhattisgarh

... **Non-applicant(s)**

For Applicant(s)	: Mr. Sunil Verma, Advocate.
For Non-applicant(s)	: Mr. Shubham Bajpai, Panel Lawyer.

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Order on Board

20.01.2026

1. The applicant has preferred this First Bail Application under Section 483 of The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) for grant of regular bail, as he has been arrested in connection with Crime No.179/2024, registered at Police Station: Nagarnar District- Bastar (C.G.) for the offences punishable under Sections 20(B)(ii)(C) and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, "NDPS Act").
2. The prosecution story in brief, is that, on 05.10.2024, acting upon reliable secret information, the police of Police Station Nagarnar intercepted a



Tata 1512 vehicle bearing registration number MH-13 DQ-2937. During search of the said vehicle, a huge quantity of illegal narcotic substance ganja weighing 804.805 kilograms was recovered, which was cleverly concealed in 26 plastic bags between cartons of diesel oil. At the time of seizure, co-accused Suhas Kumar and Somnath Vijay were found present in the vehicle. Investigation revealed the involvement of other accused persons, including Sikandar alias Sikandaro Bagh, Surendro Bagh, and Virendra alias Dhirendro Bagh/applicant. The seized quantity of ganja being far in excess of the notified commercial quantity of 20 kilograms, the accused persons were found to be involved in illegal transportation and conspiracy of narcotic drugs. Accordingly, charge-sheets were filed under Sections 20(b)(ii) and 29 of the NDPS Act.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submits that no recovery of any contraband article has been made from the possession of the applicant or at his instance. It is further submitted that the name of the applicant surfaced only in the memorandum statement of the co-accused, from whom the alleged contraband article was recovered. The applicant has merely transferred some amount of money to the co-accused through online mode, on the basis of which he has been falsely implicated. He further submits that the charge-sheet has already been filed before the competent Court, the applicant has no criminal antecedents and the trial is likely to take considerable time for its conclusion. Therefore, he prays for grant of bail to the applicant.
4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposed the prayer for grant of bail and submitted that the quantity of contraband seized from the co-accused is far in excess of the commercial quantity. He further submitted that the name of the present applicant has surfaced in the



memorandum statement of the co-accused, from whom the said contraband articles were seized. It is alleged against the present applicant that he transferred some amount of money through online mode to the co-accused from whom the contraband was recovered. He further submitted that the case pertains to the year 2024 and that the applicant remained absconding and surrendered only on 21.04.2025. Hence, it is a case of organized crime and considering the seriousness of the offence, the present applicant is not entitled to the grant of bail.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material available on record.
6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, nature and gravity of offence levelled against the applicant and further the fact that the quantity of contraband article which is said to have been recovered from the possession of the co-accused is much above the commercial quantity and the allegation against the present applicant is that the applicant has transferred some amount of money through online mode to the co-accused from whom the contraband article was recovered and further the fact that the case pertains to the year 2024 and that the applicant remained absconding and surrendered only on 21.04.2025 hence, it is an organized crime, looking to the seriousness of this case, this Court is of the opinion that it is not a fit case to release the applicant on bail.
7. Accordingly, the bail application of applicant – **Virendra urf Dhirendro Bagh** involved in Crime No.179/2024, registered at Police Station: Nagarnar District- Bastar (C.G.) for the offences punishable under Sections 20(B)(ii)(C) and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, is **rejected**.
8. Needless to say that the trial Court concerned is at liberty to proceed and



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conclude the trial expeditiously.

9. Office is directed to provide 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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