



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRA No. 54 of 2026

SUDHIR NETAM *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order Sheet

25/04/2026	Heard Mr. K.P.S. Gandhi, learned counsel for the appellant. Also heard Mr. Saumya Rai, learned Deputy Government Advocate, appearing for the State/respondent. I.A. No. 2 of 2025 is an application seeking condonation of delay of 1027 days in preferring the appeal. Since Mr. Saumya Rai, learned Deputy Government Advocate for the respondent/State, has no objection to the condonation of delay, considering that the accused has a statutory right to prefer an appeal and the cause shown by the appellant for



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

The appeal is admitted.

As Mr. Saumya Rai, learned Deputy Government Advocate, 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 State shall also inform this Court regarding the criminal antecedents of the appellant.

Learned State counsel is further directed to inform the father (PW-3) of the victim about the pendency of the appeal as well as the application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail, making it clear that he may appear on the date fixed and



oppose the bail application through his counsel, if so advised.

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

List the matter after eight weeks for consideration of 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**