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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 20 of 2026

Kanti Pardhi @ Kanti Pawar W/o Anil Pardhi Aged About 30 Years R/o Village Deori, P.S. Ratanpur, Distt. Bilaspur, Present Address Village Banjari Street, Outpost Chichola, P.S. Churia, Distt. Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh. **... Applicant**

versus

State of Chhattisgarh through the S.H.O. Bagnadi, Distt. Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh. **... Respondent**

For the Applicant : Mr. Sudhanshu Kumar Singh, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Sumit Singh, Deputy Advocate General

(Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal)

Order on Board

19.01.2026

1. This is first bail application filed under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of bail to the applicant in Crime No. 04/2023 registered at Police Station Bagnadi, District Rajnandgaon (CG) for the offences under Sections 302, 201 & 34 of IPC.

2. As per the prosecution case, on 10.12.2022 Kotwar Mohildas informed the Police that an half-burnt dead body of an unknown person was found in Fatteganj forest, on which, the Police team went to the scene, prepared inquest report and sent the remains of the unidentified deceased body for postmortem. During investigation, the deceased was identified as Mahendra Kapoor Pardhi, a resident of Fatehganj who had been missing for several days. The DNA test confirmed the body to be of Mahendra. On suspicion, deceased's brother Anil Pardhi and his wife the present applicant were interrogated. Co-accused Anil stated that his brother Mahendra would often get into fights after consuming liquor and in one night, deceased attacked him, and out of self-defese and rivalry, he stabbed his brother on head and neck with sickle and killed him. Later, he along with his wife the present applicant took the body to the forest and buried it, thereby they tried to cause disappearance of evidence. On the basis of such memorandum statement, the offence was registered against the present applicant and her husband.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been arrested on the basis of the memorandum statement of co-accused Anil who happens to be her husband and there is no incriminating evidence to connect her in crime in question. He submits that neither any memorandum statement of present applicant was recorded nor any seizure was made from her and only on suspicion, she has been arrested. He further submits that the incident is said to have occurred on 10.12.2022 whereas the FIR has been registered on 18-01.2023. He also submits that the applicant is mother of two children and presently she is carrying pregnancy of 7 months. He next submits that the applicant is in jail since 14.07.2025; out of a total 33 witnesses, only 3 have been examined till date and there is no immediate possibility of disposal of case and if she is in jail, it would be very difficult for delivery of child to be born soon, therefore, the applicant may be enlarged on bail.

4. Per contra, learned State Counsel opposes the bail application and submits that as per the memorandum statement of co-accused, Anil, this applicant is also involved in the offence.

5. Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and the fact that neither the statement of applicant was recorded nor any seizure was shown to be made from her and further considering that she is carrying pregnancy of 7 months and soon her delivery is likely to take place, without observing anything on merits of the case, I am inclined to release the applicant on bail.

6. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed and the applicant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing a bond in sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the trial Court for her appearance before the said Court as and when directed in that behalf.

Cc as per rules.

Sd/-

(Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal)
Judge