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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 451 of 2026

1 - Arjun Ratre S/o Rajendra Ratre Aged About 23 Years R/o Village Birgahni, Budgahan, P.S. Balouda, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.)

2 - Virendra Kr. Patel S/o Dilip Kr. Patel Aged About 35 Years R/o Sakin Ward No. 9, Depra Para, Bacchoda, P.S. - Balouda, District - Janjgir-Champa (C.G.)

... Applicant(s)

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station - House - Officer (Sho) Shivrinarayan, District - Janjgir-Champa (C.G.)

... Non-applicant(s)

For Applicants : Ms. Vaishali Jeswani, Advocate.

For Non-applicant/State : Ms. Sameeksha Gupta, Panel Lawyer.

Hon'ble Mr. Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Order on Board

21/01/2026

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 483 of BNSS for grant of regular bail to the applicants who have been arrested in connection with Crime No. 384/2025 registered at Police Station Shivrinarayan, District- Janjgir-Champa (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 303(2), 61(2), 221, 132, 112(2) of BNS.
2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 04.09.2025, at around



10:00 PM to 11:00 PM, the applicants herein, along with other co-accused persons, broke the locks of several vehicles parked at various places in Janjgir-Champa and stole diesel measuring about 600–650 litres, which was intended to be sold to the co-accused, Vijay Sahu. When the vehicle was intercepted by the police, the applicants herein fled from the spot and the diesel was seized from the co-accused, Dilesh Kurre and Annu Sande. Based upon such, the aforesaid offences have been registered against the applicants along with co-accused.

3. Learned counsel for the applicants submits that the applicants are innocent and have been falsely implicated in the case, that no seizure has been made from them and the charge-sheet has already been filed. He further submits that the co-accused, namely Annu Sandey, has already been granted bail by this Court in MCRC No. 8586/2025, vide order dated 02.01.2026. It is further submitted that applicant No. 1 has three criminal antecedents, out of which in one case he has been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 19.01.2026, one case is listed for hearing tomorrow and the present case before this Court. The applicant No. 2 has five criminal antecedents, out of which in one case he has been granted bail, one case is listed for hearing tomorrow, one case is before this Court, and in the remaining two cases the trials are pending, as duly explained in paragraph No. 4(A). He further submits that the applicants are in custody since 29.10.2025 and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time; therefore, he prays for grant of bail to the applicants.



4. On the other hand, learned State counsel appearing for the respondent/State opposes the bail application and submits that in the present case, charge-sheet has been filed before the competent Court and so far as the criminal antecedents of the applicants are concerned, the applicant No.1 has three criminal antecedent and the applicant No. 2 has five criminal antecedents which has been explained by the learned counsel for the applicants in the bail application of para No.4(A) as such, they are habitual offender further the present applicants were absconded, they are not entitled for grant of bail.
5. I have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.
6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, nature and gravity of offence, period of detention of the applicants since 29.10.2025 and the fact that in the present case, charge-sheet has been filed before the competent Court and also considering the criminal antecedents of the applicants, further the trial is likely to take some time for its conclusion, therefore without further commenting anything on merits, I am inclined to grant bail to the applicants.
7. Accordingly, the bail application of the applicants is **allowed**.
8. Let the applicants – **Arjun Ratre** and **Virendra kr. Patel**, involved in Crime No. 384/2025 registered at Police Station Shivrinarayan, District- Janjgir-Champa (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 303(2), 61(2), 221, 132, 112(2) of BNS, be released on bail on their furnishing a **personal bond** with **two sureties each**,



in the like sum to the satisfaction of the Court concerned with the following conditions:-

(i) The applicants shall file an undertaking to the effect that they 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 applicants shall remain present before the trial court on each date fixed, either personally or through their counsel. In case of their absence, without sufficient cause, the trial court may proceed against them under Section 269 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iii) In case, the applicants misuses the liberty of bail during trial and in order to secure their presence, proclamation under Section 84 of BNSS. is issued and the applicants fail to appear before the court on the date fixed in such proclamation, then, the trial court shall initiate proceedings against them, in accordance with law, under Section 209 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iv) The applicants 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 applicants are deliberated 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 them in accordance with law.

9. Office is directed to send a certified copy of this order to the trial Court for necessary information and compliance.

**Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice**

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