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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 713 of 2026

Ajay Soni @ Ajju Soni S/o Late Rup Prasad Soni Aged About 21 Years
R/o Near Patel Chowk Near Hatri P.S. Tikrapara, District Raipur C.G.

... **Applicant(s)**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Civil
Line Raipur, District Raipur C.G.

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

For Applicant	: Mr. Bharat Lal Sahu, Advocate
For Non-applicant/State	: Mr. S.S. Baghel, Government Advocate.

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 Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail, as he has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 44/2025, registered at Police Station : Civil Lines, Raipur, District- Raipur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 111, 3(5), 317(2), 317(4), 317(5) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita.
2. The case of the prosecution, in a nutshell, is that information was received through the Cyber Crime Reporting Portal and its



coordination mechanism to the effect that 104 bank accounts had been fraudulently opened in Utkarsh Small Finance Bank, Civil Lines Branch, Raipur (IFSC Code: UTKS0001400), which were allegedly being used for receiving proceeds of cyber fraud. Acting upon the directions issued by the Police Headquarters, a detailed report along with particulars of the said bank accounts was forwarded to Police Station Civil Lines, Raipur (C.G.). Pursuant thereto, FIR No. 44/2025 was registered against all 104 account holders, including the present applicant, for offences punishable under Sections 111, 3(5), 317(2), 317(4) and 317(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. During the course of investigation, the present applicant was arrested by Police Station Civil Lines, District Raipur (C.G.) in connection with the aforesaid offences.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the case. It is further submitted that a similarly situated co-accused, namely Harmeet Singh @ Yashmit, has already been enlarged on bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 15006/2025 vide order dated 19.11.2025 and further the fact that similarly situated co-accused namely Om Arya has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 27.11.2025 in MCRC No. 9388/2025. In view of the principle of parity, learned counsel prays that the applicant may also be enlarged on bail.
4. On the other hand, learned State Counsel, appearing for the State/non-applicant, submit that the charge-sheet has been filed before the competent Court and the trial is currently in progress. He



further concur with the submission made on behalf of the applicants to the effect that the principle of parity may be considered, however, he contend that the serious nature of the offences, the ongoing investigation and the possibility of influencing witnesses weigh against granting bail to the applicant at this stage.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case-diary.
6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, nature and gravity of allegations levelled against the applicant and the fact that a similarly situated co-accused, namely Harmeet Singh @ Yashmit, has already been enlarged on bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 15006/2025 vide order dated 19.11.2025 and further the fact that similarly situated co-accused namely Om Arya has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 27.11.2025 in MCRC No. 9388/2025 and further in the present case, charge-sheet has been filed before the competent Court therefore, without further commenting anything on merits, I am inclined to grant bail to the present applicant on parity.
7. Accordingly, the bail application of the applicant is **allowed**.
8. Let applicant, **Ajay Soni @ Ajju Soni**, involved in Crime No. 44/2025, registered at Police Station : Civil Lines, Raipur, District-Raipur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 111, 3(5), 317(2), 317(4), 317(5) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, be released on bail on his furnishing **personal bond** with **two sureties** in the like sum to the satisfaction of the Court concerned with the following



conditions:-

- (i) The applicant shall file an undertaking to the effect that he 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 applicant shall remain present before the trial court on each date fixed, either personally or through his counsel. In case of his absence, without sufficient cause, the trial court may proceed against him under Section 269 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.
- (iii) In case, the applicant misuses the liberty of bail during trial and in order to secure his presence, proclamation under Section 84 of BNSS. is issued and the applicant fails to appear before the Court on the date fixed in such proclamation, then, the trial court shall initiate proceedings against him, in accordance with law, under Section 209 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.
- (iv) The applicant 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 applicant is deliberate or without sufficient cause, then it shall be



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open for the trial court to treat such default as abuse of liberty of bail and proceed against him in accordance with law.

9. Office is directed to send 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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