



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRR No. 156 of 2026

Chhotu @ Rajkumar S/o Ganga Ram Rajwade, Aged About 36 Years R/o
Katkalo, P.S. Darima District- Sarguja, Chhattisgarh

... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, P.S. Ambikapur,
District- Sarguja (C.G.)

... Respondent

Order on Board

18/02/2026	Mr. Rishabh Dev Singh with Ms. Shalini Gupta, counsel for Applicant. Ms. Priya Sharma, P.L. for State. Heard on admission. Admit. Also heard on IA No.01/2025, for suspension of sentence and grant of bail. By the impugned judgment dated 28.10.2025 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge (FTC), Ambikapur, District Sarguja (CG) in Criminal Appeal No. 49/2022, the order

dated 19.09.2022 passed by the JMFC, Ambikapur, District Sarguja in Criminal Case No.732/2018 has been affirmed whereby the applicant has been convicted and sentenced as under:

Conviction	Sentence
U/s 323 of IPC	Fine of Rs.500/-, in default of payment of fine, additional R.I. for 1 month.
U/s 354 of IPC	R.I. for 1 year and fine of Rs. 500/-, in default of payment of fine, additional R.I. for 1 month.

Learned counsel for applicant submits that the applicant was in custody from 15.03.2018 to 16.04.2018 i.e. approximately one month and one day. The applicant was on bail during trial and he has been in custody since the date of impugned judgment, 28.10.2025. He further submits that the maximum sentence imposed upon the applicant is one year, of which he has already served approximately 4 months and 23 days and there is no likelihood of the early final disposal of this revision. Therefore, considering all these facts, the jail sentence imposed upon the applicant may be suspended and he may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application.

Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, particularly the short sentence of one year imposed upon the applicant, of which he has already served approximately 4 months & 23 days and also considering the

fact that fine amount has already been paid and the final disposal of this revision is likely to take some time, the application (I.A. No.01) is **allowed**.

It is directed that the substantive jail sentence imposed upon the applicant shall remain suspended during pendency of this revision and he shall be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, for his appearance before the Registry of this Court on **28th April, 2026**. Thereafter, he shall appear before the concerned trial Court on a date to be given by the Registry of this Court and continue to appear there on all such subsequent dates as are given to him by the said Court till final disposal of this revision.

Call for the records and list it for final hearing in due course.

Sd/-
(Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal)
Judge