



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____ OF 2026
(arising out of SLP(Crl.) No. 392/2026)

AJAY RATHORE

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. This appeal arises of the impugned order dated 25.11.2025 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh in MCRC No. 9545 of 2025 whereby, the High Court has rejected the bail application filed by the present appellant, *Ajay Rathore*.
3. Considering that the appellant is in jail since 10.05.2025 for the offence punishable under Sections 115(2), 296, 351(2), 3(5), 118(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 which are all triable by the Judicial Magistrate First Class, and the only criminal antecedent pointed out by the learned counsel for the State is the one in which the appellant has already been acquitted, we are inclined to release the appellant on bail.

4. Accordingly, the impugned order passed by the High Court is set aside and it is directed that during the pendency of the trial, the appellant shall be released on bail in connection with Crime No. 203/2025 registered with Police Station-Masturi, District-Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, if not required in any other case, on such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Trial Court.

5. The Appeal stands allowed.

6. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

.....J.
(PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA)

.....J.
(UJJAL BHUYAN)

New Delhi
17-02-2026

ITEM NO.14

COURT NO.15

SECTION II-C

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 392/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 25-11-2025 in MCRC No. 9545/2025 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur]

AJAY RATHORE

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

IA No. 6538/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 6539/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 17-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

(NISHA KHULBEY)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(CHETNA BALOONI)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(signed order is placed on the file)