



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Criminal Appeal No(s). _____/2026
SLP (CrL.) No(s). 6597/2026

SUNIL KUMAR SAHU

Appellant (s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. This appeal arises from an order dated 26.11.2025 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur rejecting the regular bail prayer of the appellant in connection with Crime No. 105/2025, registered at P.S. Ramanujnagar, District Surajpur (C.G.).
4. At the outset, the submission of the learned counsel for the appellant is that offence punishable under Section 317(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita ("BNS") is not

made out from the allegations. Insofar as the offence punishable under Section 66(D) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 ("IT Act") is concerned, maximum sentence imposable thereunder is three years. It has been submitted that even assuming that an offence of cheating is made out, the maximum sentence imposable thereunder is of seven years. Whereas, the appellant has already suffered incarceration for a period exceeding 9 months. Moreover, the investigation is complete; charge-sheet has been laid; and there is no possibility of the appellant tampering the evidence as he has no previous criminal antecedents.

5. The learned Counsel for the State-respondent has opposed the prayer for bail.

6. Having regard to the submissions noticed above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, we are of the view that the appellant is entitled to be released on bail pending trial.

7. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed. The

order passed by the High Court rejecting the regular bail prayer of the appellant is set aside.

8. The appellant shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the trial court may deem fit to impose in the facts and circumstances of the case.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

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[MANMOHAN]

New Delhi;
May 13, 2026.

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 26-11-2025 in MCRC No. 8657/2025 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur]

SUNIL KUMAR SAHU

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

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IA No. 93276/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 13-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

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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 placed on the file.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(CHETAN ARORA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)