



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
@ SLP (CRL.) NO.11820/2026**

RAHUL YADAV

APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

RESPONDENT

WITH

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
@ SLP (CRL.) NO.14408/2026**

O R D E R

- 1.** Heard.
- 2.** Leave granted.
- 3.** Appellants seek grant of regular bail in FIR No.593/2025 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 317(2), 317(4), 318(4), 111 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 ("BNS"). The said FIR arose

from information obtained from the “Samanvay” Portal of Indian Cyber Crime of Coordination Centre concerning 22 accounts maintained with Karnataka Bank, Mohan Nagar Branch allegedly used a mule accounts for receiving and routing the cyber fraud proceeds. The FIR records aggregated fraudulent deposits of Rs.10,67,665/- across the identified accounts. The accused was not named in the FIR and their alleged involvement surfaced during investigation from the memoranda of statements of co-accused, Pankaj Choubey and Raj Singh. The prosecution alleges that appellants obtained the bank accounts of Pankaj Choubey and Raj Singh for consideration and used the same for operating a “Mahadev Book” betting app. On the application of grant of bail having been rejected by the trial court and the High Court, the appellants are before this Court.

4. Upon completion of investigation, Section 238 of the BNS was also added at the time of filing of the chargesheet against the appellants. Both the appellants have been in custody for more than a year; the chargesheet having been

filed and it discloses that 41 witnesses are to be examined on behalf of prosecution and only five have been examined till date. However, learned counsel appearing for the respondent - State would submit, on instructions, that only fifteen witnesses would be examined and he contends that trial would be concluded within three months.

5. Having regard to the nature of the proceedings and the rate at which the progress of the trial has taken place, we are unable to accept the contention raised by the learned counsel appearing for the respondent - State that trial would be concluded within three months. Chargesheet having been filed on completion of the investigation and the prosecution would have to establish the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt on the basis of the books, accounts etc., namely, the said material evidence, we are of the considered view that continued incarceration of the appellants is not warranted. Hence, the appeals are allowed, impugned orders are set aside and appellants are ordered to be released on regular bail on such terms and conditions as the jurisdictional court may deem fit to

impose.

6. Pending application(s), if any, stands consigned to records.

.....J.
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

.....J.
(VIPUL M. PANCHOLI)

**NEW DELHI ;
OCTOBER 08, 2026.**

ITEM NO.6

COURT NO.11

SECTION II-C

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No(s).11820/2026**

**[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 08-05-2026 in MCRC No.4303/2026 passed by
the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur]**

RAHUL YADAV

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

**IA No. 185341/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 286156/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.**

WITH

SLP(Crl) No. 14408/2026 (II-C)

**IA No. 231250/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT**

IA No. 231247/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

**Date : 08-10-2026 These matters were called on for
hearing today.**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI**

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**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the
following**

O R D E R

Leave granted.

Criminal Appeals are allowed in terms of the signed
order placed on the file.

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

**(NEHA GUPTA)
COURT MASTER (SH)**

**(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)**