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NAFR**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****MCRC No. 4725 of 2026**

- Shobharam Dewangan S/o Shri Ajit Dewangan Aged About 39 Years
R/o D.D. Nagar, Raipur, Distt.- Raipur (C.G.)

... Applicant**versus**

- State Of Chhattisgarh Through- Ps- Acb, Eow, Raipur, Distt.- Raipur
(C.G.).

... Non-applicant***(Cause title taken from Case Information System)***

For Applicant	: Mr. Abhishek Sinha, learned Senior counsel along with Mr. N. Naha Roy, Advocate.
For State/Non-applicant	: Mr. Jitendra Shrivastava, G.A.

Hon'ble Mr. Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice**Order on Board****09.07.2026**

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 483 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant, who has been arrested in connection with Crime No.17/2026 registered at Police Station ACB, EOW, Raipur District Raipur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.
2. As per the case of the prosecution, one Veer Singh Thakur, resident of Santoshi Nagar, Raipur (CG) made a written complaint dated 07.04.2026 at the Office of the ACB, EOW, Raipur, Dist Raipur (C.G.)

alleging demand of an amount of Rs. 15,000.00 against transfer of one vehicle bearing registration No. CG04PK3275 which he had purchased in the event of auction conducted by one Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited on account of its borrower having failed to repay the loan. On his complaint, the matter was investigated leading to registration of an FIR dated 10.04.2026 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 followed by filing of charge sheet after investigation before the competent Court of law. Hence, the bail application.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in crime in question. It is further submitted that prosecution has prepared a concocted case and the same is not substantiated with suitable evidence. It is further submitted that applicant is working at his office for the past 16 years maintaining an unblemished record and has never made any undue demand from the complainant for any of his work. It is further submitted that amount alleged to have been demanded by the applicant being very close to the fee for transaction for transfer of name of the owner with one challan to the tune of Rs.7,000/- He further submits that there is no criminal antecedents registered against the applicant, charge sheet has already been filed and the applicant is in jail since 10.04.2026, the conclusion of the trial is likely to take quite long time. Therefore, he prays for grant of regular bail to the applicant.
4. On the other hand, learned counsel appearing for the State/non-applicant would oppose the bail application and submit that the charge sheet has been filed in the present case before the competent Court,

therefore, the present applicant is not entitled for grant of bail.

5. I have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.
6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the fact that the applicant is working in the office of complainant for the past 16 years and applicant has no criminal antecedent registered against him. Further, considering the fact that the charge sheet has been filed in the present case and the applicant is in jail since 10.04.2026, this Court is of the view that the applicant is entitled to be released on bail in this case
7. Accordingly, the instant **bail application of the applicant is allowed.**
Let the **Applicant – Shobharam Dewangan**, involved in Crime No.17/2026 registered at Police Station ACB, EOW, Raipur District Raipur (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018, be released on bail on 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/she 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 their counsel. In case of their absence, without sufficient cause, the trial court may proceed against him/her under Section 269 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

(iii) In case, the applicant misuse the liberty of bail during trial and in order to secure his presence, proclamation under Section 84 of

BNSS. is issued and the applicant fail to appear before the court on the date fixed in such proclamation, then, the trial court shall initiate proceedings against him/her, 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 open for the trial court to treat such default as abuse of liberty of bail and proceed against him/her in accordance with law.

8. Office is directed to provide a certified copy of this order to the trial Court concerned for necessary information and compliance forthwith.

**Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice**