

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH  
AT JABALPUR  
CRA No. 249 of 2023  
(SANGEETA SHUKLA Vs THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH)

**Dated : 12-01-2026**

*Shri Jaydeep Kaurab - Advocate for appellant.*

*Shri Mayur Gulati - Panel Lawyer for respondent/State.*

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Heard on I.A. No.23028/2025, which is second application under Section 430 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023/ 389(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure for suspension of sentence and grant of bail to present appellant. The last application of the present appellant was dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 09.07.2025.

This Criminal Appeal assails the judgment dated 30.11.2022 passed by the learned 9<sup>th</sup> Additional Sessions Judge, Rewa, District Rewa (M.P.), in ST No.145/2020, whereby the present appellant has been convicted for offence punishable under Sections 307 of IPC and sentenced thereunder to suffer ten years RI and fine of Rs.2,000/- with default stipulation.

It is submitted by learned counsel appearing on behalf of present appellant that the appellant has been convicted for ten years RI. As per the custody report dated 03.11.2025, the present appellant has served 5 years, 5 months and 28 days of actual sentence and with remission, she has served 6 years, 4 months and 27 days as on 03.11.2025. Therefore, she has suffered more than half of the sentence awarded by the learned trial Court. The present appellant is a lady and aged about 35 years. It is further submitted that there are material contradictions, omissions, and variations in the testimonies of the prosecution witnesses as well as inherent infirmities in the prosecution case. The appellant has a good case on merit. She

has no criminal antecedents. The final disposal of this appeal will take considerable time. The appellant is ready to comply with conditions as may be imposed by the Court. Therefore, it is prayed that the remaining jail sentence of present appellant may be suspended and she may be released on bail.

*Per contra*, learned counsel for State has vehemently opposed the prayer made by the counsel for appellant and prayed for rejection of application.

Having heard the rival contentions of learned counsel for the parties, perused the record and keeping in view the attending facts and circumstances of case, but without expressing any opinion on the merits, I.A. No.23028/2025 is allowed. It is directed that subject to depositing the entire fine amount, if not already deposited, and on furnishing a personal bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) with a solvent surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, the remaining jail sentence of present appellant shall remain suspended and she be released on bail. The present appellant is further directed to mark her appearance before the concerned trial Court on 20.04.2026 and on subsequent dates as may be fixed by the trial Court in this regard, till final disposal of this appeal.

List the case for final hearing in due course.

Certified copy as per rules.

(RAJENDRA KUMAR VANI)  
JUDGE

ac/-