

Labh Singh Vs State Bank of India Karsog

Cr. Revision No. 06 of 2026

05.01.2026

Present: Mr. Guna Nand Verma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Devan Sharma, Advocate, vice Mr. Arvind Sharma, Advocate, for the respondent.

Notice. Mr. Devan Sharma, learned Counsel, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondent.

2. Service complete.

3. Since, there are certain arguable points, involved in this case, as such, record of the learned trial Court, as well as, learned First Appellate Court, be requisitioned, for 23.03.2026.

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4. By way of the present application, the petitioner/applicant has sought the suspension of order of sentence dated 08.12.2022, passed by the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Karsog, District Mandi, H.P. (hereinafter referred to as the 'trial Court'), in Criminal Complaint No. 124/2018, titled as, 'State Bank of India Karsog Vs Labh Singh'.

5. Vide judgment of conviction dated 18.06.2022 and order of sentence dated 08.12.2022, the learned

trial Court has convicted the petitioner for the offence punishable under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (hereinafter referred to as the 'NI Act') and sentenced him to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of six months and to pay a compensation of Rs. 1,70,000/-. In default of payment of compensation, he has further been sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of one month.

6. Aggrieved from the said judgment, petitioner has preferred Criminal Appeal No. 82 of 2023, titled as 'Labh Singh Vs State Bank of India, Branch Karsog', before the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge - 1, Mandi, H.P., (hereinafter referred to as the 'Appellate Court'), which has been dismissed, vide judgment dated 24.11.2025.

7. Now, the petitioner is before this Court by way of the present Criminal Revision, which is likely to take sufficient long time, for its disposal, as such, during the pendency of the present revision petition, the order of sentence dated 08.12.2022, passed by the learned trial Court, is ordered to be suspended, subject to the following conditions:

(i) That the applicant shall furnish personal bond in the sum of Rs. 50,000/-, along with one surety of the like amount, to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court, within a

period of four weeks from today, with an undertaking that he will surrender before the learned trial Court to serve the remainder substantive sentence, in case of ultimate dismissal of the present revision petition, by this Court;

(ii) That the applicant shall deposit 30% of the total amount of compensation, which has been referred to by the learned trial Court as fine, with the learned trial Court, within a period of six weeks from today, which shall be in addition to the amount, if not, already deposited by the applicant.

(iii) The applicant shall not leave the territory of India without the prior permission of the Court.

8. Application is, thus, disposed of.

9. A copy of this order be sent to the learned trial Court, with a direction that the report of compliance of this order be submitted to this Court.

(Virender Singh)
Judge

05th January, 2026

(Pranod)