

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

S.B. Criminal Writ Petition No. 788/2026

Faulal Suthar S/o Shri Prabha Ram, Aged About 44 Years, R/o
Village And Post Manora, Tehsil And District Sirohi.

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through The Secretary To The Government, Department Of Rural Development And Panchayati Raj. Secretariat, Jaipur.
2. The District Collector, Sirohi
3. The Sub Divisional Officer Cum Sub Divisional Magistrate, Sirohi
4. The Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, Sirohi.
5. The Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Sirohi.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Jitendra Singh Rathore
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Deepak Choudhary, GA-cum-AAG, Mr. Surendra Bishnoi, PP

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FARJAND ALI

Order

24/02/2026

1. Issue notice.
2. Learned GA-cum-AAG, Mr. Deepak Choudhary is directed to accept notice on behalf of the State. He would require to convince this Court as to what was the basis for declining approval against Bhagirath Bishnoi, RAS under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act. It is a bizarre situation where selective approach is being taken by the respondent State authorities. On the same set of accusation, vide Annexure-13, the CEO Jila Parishad, Sirohi proceeded against the petitioner for taking a decision under

Section 17A of the PC Act for registration of the FIR and forwarded notice to the petitioner to deliberate upon taking a decision for approval under Section 17 of the PC Act.

3. What is the basis behind this double standard is required to be convinced.
4. List the matter after two weeks.
5. Till the next date of hearing, further proceeding in pursuance of notice dated 29.01.2026 issued by Jila Parishad, Sirohi shall remain stayed.

(FARJAND ALI),J

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