



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPEAL Nos. _____ OF 2026
[arising out of SLP (Crl.) Nos.823-824 OF 2026]

MD. AFSAR ALI @ AFSU KHAN **APPELLANT**

VERSUS

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND **RESPONDENT**

WITH

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____ OF 2026
[arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.83 OF 2026]

MD. SADDAM HUSSAIN **APPELLANT**

VERSUS

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND **RESPONDENT**

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____ OF 2026
[arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.1894 OF 2026]

**IMTIYAZ AHMAD @ IMTIYAZ KHAN @ IMTIAJ
AHMAD** **APPELLANT**

VERSUS

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND **RESPONDENT**

ORDER

1. Leave granted.
2. The High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi, by the impugned

judgment(s) and order(s) dated 10th February, 2025, 8th December, 2025 and 20th January, 2026 have dismissed the appellants' applications for bail.

3. Appellants were arrested on 7th August, 2024 and 20th August, 2024 in connection with FIR No.141 of 2022 dated 4th June, 2022 registered at Police Station Bariatu, District-Ranchi under Sections 420, 467, 471 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

4. We have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the materials on record.

5. Trial is in progress. Evidence of three witnesses out of the twelve witnesses whom the prosecution proposes to examine to drive home the charges against the appellants has been recorded. That apart, co-accused have been enlarged on bail. Also, the case is triable by a magistrate. Having regard to the slow pace of progress of the trial, it is likely to take time to conclude.

6. Taking an overall view of the matter, we are of the considered opinion that the appellants need not be detained in custody any longer and that they could be admitted to an order for release on bail pending trial.

7. Accordingly, we set aside the impugned judgment(s) and order(s).

8. Appellants shall be released on bail, subject to furnishing of bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court and subject to such other

terms and conditions as may be imposed by it.

9. Needless to observe, the appellants shall not, directly or indirectly, by making inducement, threat or promise, dissuade any person acquainted with the facts of the case from disclosing such facts to the court.

10. In the event there is any breach of the terms and conditions for grant of bail, the trial court shall be at liberty to cancel the bail of the appellants.

11. It is also ordered that the appellants shall diligently attend proceedings of the trial, unless exempted. If they abstain from attending the proceedings without justifiable cause, that could also be seen as breach of the conditions for grant of bail and the trial court will be free to pass appropriate orders.

12. We clarify that the observations made in this order and grant of bail will not be treated as findings on the merits of the case.

13. The appeals are, accordingly, allowed on the aforesaid terms.

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

.....J.
[DIPANKAR DATTA]

.....J.
[SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA]

**New Delhi;
March 09, 2026.**

ITEM NO.51

COURT NO.8

SECTION II-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Special Leave to Appeal (CrI.) No(s). 823-824/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 10-02-2025 in BA No. 499/2025 08-12-2025 in BA No. 9381/2025 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

MD. AFSAR ALI @AFSU KHAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND

Respondent(s)

IA No. 7600/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 7601/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 7602/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ ANNEXURES

WITH

SLP(CrI) No. 83/2026 (II-A)

IA No. 2148/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 2146/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

SLP(CrI) No. 1894/2026 (II-A)

48695/2026

IA No. 34038/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 48695/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 09-03-2026 These matters were called on for hearing
today.

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**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R**

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order placed on the file.

(JATINDER KAUR)
P.S. to REGISTRAR

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)