



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO.607/2026

SOURABH DWIVEDI

...APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

...RESPONDENT

O R D E R

1. Heard.
2. Leave granted.
3. The case of the prosecution is that on the night of 26.08.2025, the informant went to sleep at his residence and at about 12:43 a.m., three unidentified persons by covering their faces and concealing their identities had poured some combustible substance on the main gate of the

informant and set it on fire as a result of which it got burnt and the outer wall of the informant's residence was also destroyed. Hence, FIR No.740/2025 came to be registered for the offence punishable under Section 326(g) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

4. This Court while issuing notice had granted interim protection subject to appellant cooperating with the investigation. It is an undisputed fact that appellant has been cooperating with the investigation as such we are of the considered view that custodial interrogation of appellant is not warranted. Hence, appellant is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail subject to such terms and conditions including the condition of directing appellant to appear before the Investigating Officer as and when called upon and also continue to appear before the trial court on all dates of hearing without fail, except when specifically exempted. The appeal is allowed.

5. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

.....J.
(PRASANNA B. VARALE)

NEW DELHI;
MARCH 11, 2026.

ITEM NO.3

COURT NO.16

SECTION II-E

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No(s).607/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 28-10-2025 in MCRCN No.44237/2025 passed by
the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at
Jabalpur]

SOURABH DWIVEDI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

IA No. 9914/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 9912/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 13393/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 11-03-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Varun Tyagi, Adv.
Mr. Deepak Joshi, AOR
Mr. Vishal Sinha, Adv.
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Mr. Rudra Pratap, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. V.v.v. Pattabhiram, D.A.G.
Ms. Mrinal Gopal Elker, AOR
Mr. Anurag Singh, Adv.
Ms. Silpi S Swain, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Leave granted.

Criminal Appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order placed on the file.

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

(NEHA GUPTA)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)