



THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. OF 2026  
(arising out of SLP (CrI.) No.1228/2026)

SAGAR RAWAL APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND ANR. RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appellant, Sagar Rawal, is aggrieved by the refusal to suspend his sentence and grant him consequential bail, pending hearing of his appeal in CRA No. 5999/2025, by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Indore, *vide* order dated 14.10.2025.

The appellant, Sagar Rawal, was convicted by the learned Additional Sessions Judge of Dharampuri Court, Dharampuri, District - Dhar, Madhya

Pradesh, under Section 69 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, *vide* judgment dated 23.06.2025 in Sessions Trial No. 28/2024, and sentenced to 5 years rigorous imprisonment and payment of fine of ₹5000/- (Rupees five thousand only), coupled with default imprisonment of three months.

Aggrieved thereby, the appellant approached the High Court by way of the aforestated appeal. However, his application for suspension of sentence and consequential bail was rejected by the High Court, *vide* the impugned order, holding that the appellant, Sagar Rawal, had moved the second application for such relief after rejection of his first application on 08.07.2025, without any change of circumstances.

He was, however, granted liberty to renew his prayer after completion of one year of actual custody.

We find from the custody certificate that the appellant was imprisoned as an

under-trial for 29 days and was incarcerated on 23.06.2025, after his conviction by the trial court. In effect, he has been in prison for over 10 months.

Given the admitted facts of the case, we are of the opinion that continued incarceration of the appellant, Sagar Rawal, pending the hearing of his appeal, is not warranted, at this stage.

Accordingly, we accept the present appeal and direct that the appellant, Sagar Rawal, shall be released on bail pending the hearing of his appeal in CRA No. 5999/2025 by the High Court, on such appropriate terms and conditions as may be fixed by the trial Court.

The impugned order is set aside and the appeal is allowed in the aforestated terms.

We clarify that we have not made any observations/comments on the merits of the case and any observation made in this order is meant only for the limited

purpose of grant of bail.

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

.....J.  
(SANJAY KUMAR)

.....J.  
(K. VINOD CHANDRAN)

NEW DELHI;  
APRIL 08, 2026.



Ms. Akanksha Tomar, Adv.

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

Leave granted.

In terms of the signed order, it is directed that the appellant, Sagar Rawal, shall be released on bail pending the hearing of his appeal in CRA No. 5999/2025 by the High Court, on such appropriate terms and conditions as may be fixed by the trial Court.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

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

(BABITA PANDEY)  
AR-cum-PS

(PREETI SAXENA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)  
(Signed order is placed on the file)