



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.1360 OF 2026  
[ @ SLP [CRIMINAL] NO.1126 OF 2026 ]**

**ABHAY SHANKAR**

**Appellant(s)**

**VERSUS**

**THE STATE OF BIHAR**

**Respondent(s)**

**O R D E R**

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant seeks bail in connection with FIR No.963/2025, dated 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, registered at Police Station Patna Sadar, District Patna, Bihar, for the offences punishable under Sections 30 (a), 30 (g), 32, 62 and 56 (b) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.
3. We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties.
4. Learned counsel appearing for the appellant submits that the appellant was working as a clerk and that he has no criminal antecedents.

5. We have been informed that the chargesheet has already been filed and that the appellant has undergone incarceration for a period of 9 months. Thus, continued incarceration of the appellant is not required, especially when the appellant has no criminal antecedents.

6. Considering the above, we are inclined to grant bail to the appellant.

7. Accordingly, the impugned order is set aside and the appellant is granted bail on the terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court.

8. The appeal stands allowed, accordingly.

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

.....J.  
[M.M. SUNDRESH]

.....J.  
[NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH]

NEW DELHI;  
MARCH 13, 2026.

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). 1126/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 16-10-2025  
in CRM No. 55701/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at  
Patna]

ABHAY SHANKAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR

Respondent(s)

Date : 13-03-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Shikhar Garg, Adv.  
Ms. Nishtha Kumar, AOR  
Mr. Shrom Sethi, Adv.  
Ms. Yakshi Rawal, Adv.  
Ms. Pallavi Mohan, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Manish Kumar, AOR  
Mr. Divyansh Mishra, Adv.  
Mr. Kumar Saurav, Adv.UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

The appellant is granted bail on the terms and  
conditions to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial  
Court.Pending application, if any, shall stand disposed  
of.(ANITA MALHOTRA)  
AR-CUM-PS(POONAM VAID)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file.)