



ITEM NO.2

COURT NO.7

SECTION II

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

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.5927/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14-11-2025 in CRMBA No. 5846/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad]

VISHAL RANA ALIAS TABISH ASGHAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 83678/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT & IA No. 83680/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 06-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Kuldeep Rai, Adv.
Mr. Raj Narayan Singh, Adv.
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For Respondent(s) :

Dr. Vijendra Singh, AOR
Ms. Ashwina Lakra, Adv.

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

1. Exemption Applications are allowed.
2. The petitioner has been denied regular bail by the High Court in connection with Case Crime Number 549 of 2024 registered with Sector 113 Police Station, District Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida, U.P. for the offence punishable under Sections 323, 506, and 313 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 respectively (for short, "the IPC") and

Sections 3 and 5(1) of the Prohibition of Unlawful Religious Conversion Act, 2021 respectively (for short, "The Act, 2021").

3. We heard Mr. Kuldeep Rai, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr. Vijendra Singh, the learned counsel appearing for the State.

4. We take notice of the fact that upon completion of the investigation, Charge Sheet was filed and the filing of Charge Sheet culminated in Sessions Case No.284/2025 pending in the Court of Additional District Judge, Fast Track Court 2, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida, U.P.

5. We also take notice of the fact that so far only one witness has been examined. The petitioner is in custody since 3rd December 2024.

6. Unfortunately, the High Court overlooked the fact that the victim visited the petitioner in jail during jail mulakat on three occasions dated 14/12/2024, 24/12/2024 and 4/1/2025 respectively. This speaks for itself. Not only this, but a joint petition was preferred in the High Court seeking protection as there was apprehension to their lives and liberty and the same was granted by the High Court. Despite all this, the High Court thought fit to reject the bail application.

7. Our attention was also drawn to a facebook screenshot which reads thus:-

"(Tabish, I have changed the name of your facebbok ID from Tabish Parvez Abidi to Vishal Rana. Please do not change it. It will be changed after 3 months, this is your muslim name, everyone understands that you are a muslim, I do not want anyone to know that you are muslim, I love you very much Tabish, I never thought that I would ever love a muslim boy so much.)"

(Why did you do this? This is your mistake. You should not have done this. Everyone knows that I am muslim. Why did you change my name on facebook?)"

8. The aforesaid was also not looked into by the High Court while considering the overall matter.

9. It is unfortunate that the petitioner is in judicial custody as an under-trial prisoner past more than 1 ½ years in this type of matter.

10. We order that the petitioner shall be released on bail forthwith, if not required in any other case, subject to terms and conditions that the Trial Court may deem fit to impose.

11. In the result, this petition is disposed of.

12. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(VISHAL ANAND)
DY. REGISTRAR

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)