

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION



CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(CrL.) No.1487/2026)

ASHISH VERMA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(CrL.) No.1774/2026)

VISHAL PAIKRA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellants are aggrieved by the orders dated 11.12.2025 and 19.11.2025 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur, which declined them bail in FIR No.157/2025, registered at Police Station Rajpur, District Balrampur, Ramanujganj, Chhattisgarh, under Sections 111, 317(2), 317(4), 317(5) of the Bharatiya Nayaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. The appellants were arrested on 06.10.2025 and 08.07.2025. The allegations are that during the period from 26.06.2025 to 06.07.2025, the appellant - Vishal Paikra operated multiple bank accounts through which online fraudulent transactions aggregating approximately Rs.9,45,000/- were received. The appellant, Ashish Verma, is alleged to have assisted the above-named co-accused by providing a mule account, and he received a share of the proceeds in cash.
4. Having regard to the nature of allegations and the period spent by the appellants in custody, however, without

expressing any opinion on merits of the case, the instant appeals are allowed; the impugned orders of the High Court are set aside and the appellants are directed to be released on bail subject to their furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court.

.....CJI.
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

.....J.
(N.V. ANJARIA)

NEW DELHI;
FEBRUARY 09, 2026

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(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).1487/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 11-12-2025
in MCRC No.8674/2025 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at
Bilaspur]

ASHISH VERMA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 26375/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

WITH

Item No.17Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).1774/2026
(IA No. 31666/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 09-02-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIAFor Petitioner(s) :Dr. Rajesh Pandey, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Ramsajivan, Adv.
Ms. Ayushi Pandey, Adv.
Mr. Rishabh, Adv.
Mr. Jitendra Kumar, AORMr. Gopal Jha, AOR
Mr. Nimish Arjaria, Adv.
Mr. Sawan Datta, Adv.
Ms. Shireesha Sharma, Adv.For Respondent(s) :Mr. Apoorv Shukla, AOR
Mr. Prabhaleen A. Shukla, Adv.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.
3. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(signed order is placed on the file)

