



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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL No.1623/2026  
[Arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.1897/2026]**

**DEO SHANKAR MISHRA  
@ DEV SHANKAR MISHRA**

**APPELLANT**

**VERSUS**

**UNION OF INDIA**

**RESPONDENT**

**ORDER**

1. Leave granted.
2. The High Court of Judicature at Patna, by the impugned judgment and order dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2025, has dismissed the appellant's prayer for grant of regular bail.
3. Appellant, figuring as an accused in ECIR No.PTZP/04/2018 dated 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 registered at Enforcement Directorate, Government of India, Patna Zonal Office, Chandpura Place, District Patna, Patna under

Sections 3 and 4 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, was arrested on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties.

5. Co-accused has been enlarged on bail by this Court vide order dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2026 in Criminal Appeal No.1564 of 2026. Appellant stands on substantially similar footing and is thus entitled to claim parity.

6. It is also not disputed that the appellant does not have any criminal antecedent.

7. That apart, appellant has been incarcerated for more than four years. The trial is yet to commence. It is, therefore, likely to take substantial time to conclude.

8. Taking an overall view of the matter, we are of the considered opinion that further detention of the appellant pending trial is not necessary. The appeal, thus, deserves acceptance and the

appellant may be admitted to an order for grant of bail.

9. Appellant shall be released on bail, subject to furnishing of bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court and subject to such other terms and conditions as may be imposed by it.

10. Needless to observe, the appellant shall not, directly or indirectly, by making inducement, threat or promise, dissuade any person acquainted with the facts of the case from disclosing such facts to the court.

11. In the event there is any breach of the terms and conditions for grant of bail, the trial court shall be at liberty to cancel the bail of the appellant.

12. It is also ordered that the appellant shall diligently attend proceedings of the trial, unless exempted. If he abstains from attending the proceedings without justifiable cause, that could also be seen as breach of the conditions for grant

of bail and the trial court will be free to pass appropriate orders.

13. We clarify that the observations made in this order and grant of bail will not be treated as findings on the merits of the case.

14. The appeal is, accordingly, allowed on the aforesaid terms.

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

.....J.  
**(DIPANKAR DATTA)**

.....J.  
**(SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA)**

**New Delhi;  
March 25, 2026.**

ITEM NO.3

COURT NO.8

SECTION II-A

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

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)  
No.1897/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 19-12-2025 in CRM No. 63110/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

DEO SHANKAR MISHRA  
@ DEV SHANKAR MISHRA

Petitioner

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

Respondent

Date : 25-03-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA

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Mr. Arvind Kumar Sharma, AOR

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

- 1. Leave granted.**
- 2. The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.**
- 3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.**

**(MANIK KUMAR) (SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)  
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT COURT MASTER (NSH)  
(Signed order is placed on the file)**