

ITEM NO.4

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-C

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.3174/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 25-06-2025 in MCRC No. 4852/2025 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur]

JASWANT SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

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

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAY BISHNOI

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Utsav Saxena, Adv.  
Mr. Kartikey Singh, Adv.  
Ms. Vidula Mehrotra, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Ravi Sharma, A.A.G.  
Mr. Apoorv Shukla, AOR  
Ms. Prabhleen A. Shukla, Adv.  
Mr. Praphull Kumar, Adv.

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

1. The petitioner has been denied bail by the High Court in connection with Crime No.855 of 2024 registered with Tikrapara Police Station, District Raipur for the offence punishable under

Section 18(C) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Act, 1985 (for short, "the NDPS Act").

2. The contraband involved in the present case is 3.904 kgs of opium.

3. We heard Mr.Kartikey Singh, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr. Ravi Sharma, the learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State.

4. We take notice of the fact that the trial is in progress. Three witnesses have been examined so far. We are informed that the prosecution intends to examine 13 witnesses.

5. Let the trial proceed expeditiously.

6. The Trial Court shall see to it that the trial is completed with judgment within a period of six months from today.

7. We are informed that the petitioner is a 65 year old man. By any chance, if the trial is not concluded within six months, it shall be open for the petitioner to renew his prayer for bail.

8. With the aforesaid, the Special Leave Petition stands disposed of.

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

(CHANDRESH)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)