

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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(ARISING OUT OF SLP (CRL.) No.2304 of 2026)**

**GANESH PATIL**

**APPELLANT(S)**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF CHHATTISGARH**

**RESPONDENT(S)**

**O R D E R**

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated 03.12.2025 in MCRCA No.1858 of 2025 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur.
3. On 13.02.2026, this Court passed the following order:-
  - “1. The petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 03.12.2025 in MCRCA No.1858/2025 titled “Ganesh Patil vs. State of Chhattisgarh” passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur.
  2. Issue notice, returnable on 20.03.2026.
  3. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted. Let steps for service be taken within one week.
  4. Mr. Apoorv Shukla, learned Advocate-on-Record accepts notice on behalf of the State of Chhattisgarh.
  5. Let counter affidavit be filed within two weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within one week thereafter.
  6. In the event of arrest in connection with FIR No.257 of 2025 registered at Police Station

Baikunthpur, District-Korea, the petitioner shall be released on bail on the appropriate terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

7. The petitioner shall make himself available before the Investigating Officer on 20.02.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as he may be required.

8. Needless to add, till the investigation is not complete in all respects, the petitioner would fully cooperate, and if the challan/charge sheet is filed, he would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses in any manner till the completion of the trial."

4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and also perused the materials available on record.

5. It is not in dispute that the conditions stand fully complied with; the appellant has cooperated during the investigation; he has not threatened or intimidated any of the witnesses; or has tried to influence the investigation in any manner.

6. We have noticed the nature of crime and the manner in which it was allegedly committed.

7. We allow the present appeal by confirming the order dated 13.02.2026, passed by this Court, with a direction to the appellant to continue to cooperate during the investigation/trial and not to take any unnecessary adjournment. Also, the appellant shall report before the Investigating Officer on every alternate Monday, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., till such time the investigation is

complete in all respects.

8. If the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court feels that the investigation/trial is delayed on account of the appellant's conduct, it shall be open to the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court to take appropriate steps in accordance with the law, including cancellation of bail.

9. The impugned judgment and order dated 03.12.2025 is set aside.

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

.....J.  
(SANJAY KAROL)

.....J.  
(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)

NEW DELHI;  
MARCH 20, 2026

ITEM NO.5

COURT NO.11

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(s).2304/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 03-12-2025 in MCRCA No. 1858/2025 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur]

GANESH PATIL

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

RESPONDENT(S)

IA No. 41089/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT AND IA No. 41091/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 20-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Siddhartha Iyer, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Ms. Sugandha Jain, Standing Counsel, Adv.  
Mr. Prabodh Kumar, 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, which is placed on the file.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(SOURAV PAL)  
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(ANU BHALLA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)