



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(s). _____ OF 2026
(@ SLP(CRL.) NO(s). 2049/2026)

ARUN KUMAR DEVNATH SINGH

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

We have heard learned senior counsel, Mr. V. Giri for the appellant and learned standing counsel, Mr. Aaditya A. Pande for the respondent-State.

During the course of submissions, it was brought to our notice that this Court by order dated 02.02.2026 had granted the relief of bail to a similarly placed accused in the case of *Ashish Satish Mittal vs. The State of Maharashtra* and other connected cases arising out of Special Leave Petition(Crl.) No.21370/2025 and connected cases. It was therefore submitted by learned senior counsel for the appellant that the said order may be followed in this case also.

Per contra, learned standing counsel for the respondent-State however submitted that the appellant herein is also alleged of committing serious offences and hence appropriate orders may be made in this case.

We find that on the principle of parity, the appellant herein is also entitled to a similar relief.

We, therefore, extract the relevant portions of the order dated 02.02.2026 which read as under:

"11. Considering the facts on record and the aforesaid submissions, in our view, the case for bail is made out.

12. We, therefore, allow this appeal and direct as under:

"The appellants shall be produced before the concerned Trial Court as early as possible and the Trial Court shall release them on bail, subject to such conditions as it may deem appropriate to impose to ensure their presence in the proceedings arising out of FIR No.306 of 2024 mentioned above."

13. It is directed that the appellants shall extend complete cooperation in the trial of the instant case.

14. The appellants shall not misuse their liberty in any manner.

15. The appellants shall not make any attempt to contact the witnesses either directly or indirectly.

16. Any infraction of the conditions shall entail cancellation of bail granted to the appellants.

With these observations, the appeals are allowed."

The aforesaid observations and directions apply squarely to the present case also. Ordered accordingly.

The appeal is allowed and disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

.....J.
(B.V. NAGARATHNA)

.....J.
(UJJAL BHUYAN)

NEW DELHI;
FEBRUARY 05, 2026

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 2049/2026
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 16-12-2025
in BA No. 2482/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at
Bombay]

ARUN KUMAR DEVNATH SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 36687/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT

IA No. 36688/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 05-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

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Mr. Aaditya A. Pande, AOR
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Mr. Aditya Krishna, Adv.

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

1. Issue notice to the respondent.
2. Mr. Aaditya A. Pande, learned standing counsel for the respondent-State accepts notice.
3. Leave granted.

4. The appeal is allowed and disposed of in terms of the signed order.
5. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(RADHA SHARMA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(DIVYA BABBAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(SIGNED ORDER IS PLACED ON THE FILE)