

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. of 2026
[ARISING OUT OF SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRL.) NO.1811/2026]

KASHMIR KAUR

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Issue notice.
2. The learned counsel for the State has accepted notice and is agreeable for final disposal of the special leave petition at the notice stage itself.
3. Leave granted. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
4. This appeal impugns order dated 24.10.2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh rejecting the anticipatory bail prayer of the appellant in connection with First Information Report (FIR) No.38/2025 registered at P.S. Ramdas, District Amritsar.
5. At the outset, the learned counsel for the appellant has pointed out that co-accused Sandeep Pal Kaur has been granted the benefit of anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 17.12.2025 in Criminal Appeal No.5530/2025 arising out of Special Leave Petition (Crl.) No.14522/2025.

The said order is extracted below:

- "1. I.A. No. 324521/2025 is allowed.
2. Leave granted.
3. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
4. This appeal arises from an order dated 24.07.2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh rejecting the anticipatory bail prayer of the appellant in connection with FIR No. 38/2025 registered at P.S. Ramdas, District Amritsar.
5. After considering the submissions made on behalf of the petitioner, by a detailed order dated 13.10.2025, we granted interim protection. The said order is reproduced below:

"1. The contention of the learned Counsel for the petitioner is that from the allegations made in the First Information Report ("FIR"), it appears that Husband of the deceased was staying abroad (i.e. Canada) and the deceased was staying with her in-laws. The allegations are that she complained to her mother (informant) that her sister-in-law and mother-in-law create problems for her. It is the submission of the learned Counsel for the petitioner that FIR does not allege demand of dowry or harassment in connection therewith and there is no such allegation that she was ill-treated to an extent that she would be driven to commit suicide. It is thus argued that since the autopsy report reflects a case of antemortem hanging and it is not a case of dowry death, the petitioner, who is a lady, is entitled to protection, pending investigation.

2. Issue notice, returnable in six weeks.

3. Notice on behalf of the second respondent has been accepted by Mr Dinesh Verma, Advocate.

4. List the matter on 17.12.2025.

5. In the meantime, it is provided that in the event the Petitioner is arrested in connection with CRM No. 38/2025, P.S. Ramdas, District Amritsar, she shall be released on a personal bond of Rs. 25,000/- subject to an undertaking that she shall cooperate in the investigation and make herself available for interrogation as and when required by the investigating agency. She shall also submit an undertaking that she will not threaten the witnesses or tamper the evidence."

6. On service of notice, the State as well as the Complainant is represented.

7. The learned counsel for the respondent - State submits that pursuant to the interim order, the appellant has joined investigation, though she did not provide her passport.

8. Insofar as the Complainant's counsel is concerned, he has submitted that since the deceased committed suicide within few months of her marriage, it is not a fit case where anticipatory bail prayer of the appellant should be entertained.

9. Having regard to the nature of the relationship of the appellant with the deceased as also that she is a lady and there appear no allegations with regard to demand of dowry, we do not find a good

reason to vacate the interim protection order granted on 13.10.2025, particularly when the appellant has joined the investigation.

10. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the prosecution case, we deem it appropriate to dispose of this appeal by making the interim order absolute subject to the following conditions:

(A) Within three weeks from today, the appellant shall submit bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court along with an undertaking that she shall cooperate in the trial/investigation; and

(B) She shall submit an additional undertaking that she will not threaten the witnesses or tamper the evidence."

11. The appeal stands disposed of in the above terms.

12. All pending applications shall stand disposed of."

6. In view of the above, this appeal is allowed on the same terms subject to the following conditions:

(A) Within three weeks from today, the appellant shall submit bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court along with an undertaking that she shall cooperate in the trial/investigation; and

(B) She shall submit an undertaking that she will not threaten the witnesses or tamper the evidence."

7. All pending applications shall stand disposed of.

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New Delhi
February 09, 2026

ITEM NO.33

COURT NO.12

SECTION II-B

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.1811/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 24-10-2025 in CRMM No. 59896/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

KASHMIR KAUR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent(s)

IA No. 32178/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 32177/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 09-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

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Mr. Yuvraj Singh, Adv.
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Mr. Dashrath Singh, Adv.
Mr. Vilso Kense, Adv.
Mr. Yash Bhushan Agarwal, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Karan Sharma, Adv.

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

1. Issue notice.
2. Leave granted.
3. The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.
4. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(KAVITA PAHUJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)