

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION



CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(Crl.) No.1839/2026)

DIVY CHANDRAWANSHI

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant seeks regular bail in Crime No.73/2025, registered at Police Station Devendra Nagar, District Raipur, under Sections 318(4), 61(1)(2), 112(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Section 4(a) of the Public Gambling Act, 1867, Section 7 of the Chhattisgarh Gambling (Prohibition) Act, 2022 and Section 25(C) of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885.
3. The allegations pertain to the involvement of a syndicate in cricket betting, in which the appellant is also named as one of the accused. He was arrested on 25.04.2025.
4. It is fairly stated by learned State counsel that the investigation *qua* the appellant is complete; however, several other names have surfaced and against all such co-accused the investigation will have to be concluded. We entirely agree with learned State counsel that *qua* the suspects who have emerged later in the scene, a sustained investigation against them is required to be completed.
5. However, keeping in view the period spent by the appellant in custody and the fact that the investigation *qua* him is complete and trial will take some time, without expressing any opinion on the merits, the instant appeal is allowed; the impugned order of the High Court is set aside and the appellant is directed to be released on bail subject

to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court and subject to such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Trial Court.

.....CJI.
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

.....J.
(VIPUL M. PANCHOLI)

NEW DELHI;
FEBRUARY 16, 2026

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(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).1839/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14-01-2026 in MCRC No.510/2026 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur]

DIVY CHANDRAWANSHI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 32595/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 32597/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 16-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLIFor Petitioner(s) :Mr. Chetan Garg, Adv.
Mr. Shaveer Ahmed, AOR
Mr. Abhimanyu Ratnaparkhi, Adv.
Ms. Shuchita Bais, Adv.
Mr. Digvijay Bhardwaj, Adv.
Mr. Keshav Kant Sharma, Adv.
Mr. Naba Kishore Sharma, Adv.For Respondent(s) :Mrs. Purna Dhall, Adv.
Ms. Rajnandani Kumari, Adv.
Mr. Saksham Gohoi, Adv.
Mr. Kapil Katare, Adv.
Mr. Vishwas Sharma, Adv.
Mr. Prashant Singh, AORUPON 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. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(signed order is placed on the file)