

ITEM NO.48

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-E

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 SPetition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.1734/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 08-01-2026 in MCRC No. 59770/2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

MEERA BAI @GUDDI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 30932/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT & IA No. 30933/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 03-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. S.K. Gangele, Sr. Adv.
Ms. Priya Sharma, Adv.
Ms. Ritu Gangele, Adv.
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Mr. Shrey Ravi Dambhare, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. The petitioner has been denied anticipatory bail by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh in connection with the First Information Report i.e. Crime No.327/2025 registered with Police Station - Khamaria, District - Jabalpur (MP) for the offence punishable under Sections 80(2), 85, 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, "BNS, 2023" and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act respectively.

2. The petitioner before us is the mother-in-law of the deceased.

3. It is the case of prosecution that the son of the petitioner was married to the deceased past 5 years. As alleged, the deceased

committed suicide due to incessant harassment at the end of the petitioner as mother-in-law and other family members for want of dowry.

4. Heard Mr. S.K. Gangele, the learned Senior counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned counsel appearing for the State of M.P..

5. We take notice of the fact that the allegations levelled in the complaint are quite general and no specific instances of any harassment etc. have been specified in the FIR. The husband of the deceased is in jail. However, father-in-law and the brother-in-law have been released on bail.

6. In view of the aforesaid, we are persuaded to exercise our discretion in favour of the petitioner.

7. We order that in the event of arrest of the petitioner in connection with the FIR, referred to above, she shall be released on bail, subject to terms and conditions that the Investigating Officer may deem fit to impose.

8. Once the petitioner is released by the IO, thereafter she shall appear before the Trial Court and furnish bail.

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

10. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(VISHAL ANAND)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)