

therefore, at this stage he is entitled to be released on bail.

5. The Learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer of bail by submitting that the appellant was enlarged on interim bail for short periods and, therefore, the period of incarceration may not be close to 10 years though may be close to 9 years. It has also been submitted that the crime for which the appellant is being tried is a heinous crime. Besides, the trial is at an advanced stage and may be concluded shortly.

6. However, the learned counsel for the respondent could not show that the appellant has criminal antecedents.

7. Having regard to the long period of incarceration pending trial as also that the appellant has no previous criminal antecedents, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, we are of the view that the appellant is entitled to be released on bail at this stage.

8. Consequently, the appeal is allowed. The order of the High Court rejecting the bail prayer of the appellant is set aside.

9. The appellant shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the trial court may deem fit to

impose in the facts and circumstances of the case.

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

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[K. VINOD CHANDRAN]

New Delhi
April 01, 2026

ITEM NO.8

COURT NO.13

SECTION II-D

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.1654/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated
05-12-2025 in SBCRMEBA No. 13111/2025 passed by the High
Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jodhpur]

SURAJ SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF RAJASTHAN

Respondent(s)

IA No. 29138/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 01-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing
today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. VINOD CHANDRAN

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Surya Kant, AOR
Ms. Priyanka Tyagi, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Sansriti Pathak, A.A.G.
Ms. Shagufa Khan, Adv.
Ms. Nidhi Jaswal, 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. The operative portion of
the signed order is as under:

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(KAVITA PAHUJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)