



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(@SLP(CRL.) NO.5385 OF 2026)

SHUBHAM SHARMA APPELLANT(S)
VERSUS
STATE OF CHHATTISGARH RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Heard.

2. Leave granted.

3. Appellant, who has been arraigned as an accused in FIR No.12 of 2024 for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 406, 467, 468 and 471 read with Section 34 Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC) alleging that the complainant induced by the representatives of Silver Line Power Station Private Limited of assuring a distributorship for the E-vehicles manufactured by them. It is also alleged that the complainant transferred a sum of Rs.36,01,000/- to the said company on the assurances given by the Directors of the company including appellant herein who was working as Sales Manager at an undisputed point

of time. On account of non-delivery of the vehicles, a complaint came to be lodged. As a result, appellant came to be arrested and his prayer for grant of bail being rejected by both the Courts, appellant is before this court in the present appeal.

4. Having heard the learned counsel appearing for the appellant, we notice that role attributed to the appellant by the prosecution is that he was working as a Sales Manager and purportedly participated in inducing the complainant to obtain distributorship of E-vehicles and also participated in the discussion with the complainant along with other Directors who are co-accused. The role of the appellant as a Sales Manager did not *ipso facto* result in inducing the complainant. Same is an issue which will have to be examined by the trial court after trial and as such we are of the considered view that appellant is entitled for the discretionary relief. Chargesheet having been filed on completion of the investigation, his continued incarceration is not warranted.

5. Accordingly, appeal is allowed. Impugned order is set aside. Appellant is ordered to be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the jurisdictional trial court may

deem fit to impose including directing him to cooperate with the trial and also on the condition that appellant would appear before the jurisdictional court on all dates of hearing except when exempted for any specific reason.

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

.....J.
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

.....J.
(PRASANNA B. VARALE)

New Delhi;
April 30, 2026.

ITEM NO.8

COURT NO.14

SECTION II-C

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. 5385/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 02-09-2025 in MCRC No. 6973/2025 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur]

SHUBHAM SHARMA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

IA No. 43138/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 30-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

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Mr. Divya Tripathi, Adv.

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

1. Leave granted.
2. Appeal is allowed in terms of the Signed Order placed on the file.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(RASHI GUPTA)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)