

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(ARISING OUT OF SLP (CRL.) No.1661 OF 2026)**

**HITESH KUMAR**

**APPELLANT(S)**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF RAJASTHAN**

**RESPONDENT(S)**

**O R D E R**

**1. Leave granted.**

**2. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated 17.12.2025 in S.B. Criminal Miscellaneous Bail Application No.16427 of 2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jaipur.**

**3. On 02.02.2026, this Court passed the following order:-**

"1. The Petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 17th December, 2025 in SBCRMBA No.16427 of 2025 titled "Hitesh Kumar vs. State of Rajasthan" passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan, Bench at Jaipur.

2. Issue notice, returnable on 16th March, 2026.

3. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted. Let steps for service be taken within one week.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to serve the learned standing counsel for the State of Rajasthan.

5. In the notice itself let it be mentioned that respondent is required to file its counter affidavit before the next date of listing.

6. In the event of arrest of the petitioner in connection with FIR No.291 of 2025 dated 13th November, 2025 registered at Police Station C.P.S.Jaipur, ACB District, the petitioner shall be released on bail by the Investigating/arresting officer on such terms and conditions as imposed and found to be just, fair and reasonable.

7. Needless to add, the petitioner would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses, in any manner, till the completion of the trial.

8. The petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer on 12th February, 2026 at 11. A.M. and, thereafter, as and when called upon."

4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and also perused the materials available on record.

5. It is not in dispute that the conditions stand fully complied with; the appellant has cooperated during the investigation; he has not threatened or intimidated any of the witnesses; or has tried to influence the investigation in any manner.

6. We have noticed the nature of crime and the manner in which it was allegedly committed.

7. We allow the present appeal by confirming the order dated 02.02.2026, passed by this Court, with a direction to the appellant to continue to cooperate during the investigation/trial and not to take any unnecessary adjournment. Also, the appellant shall report before the Investigating Officer on every alternate Monday, between 10

a.m. and 11 a.m., till such time the investigation is complete in all respects.

8. If the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court feels that the investigation/trial is delayed on account of the appellant's conduct, it shall be open to the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court to take appropriate steps in accordance with the law, including cancellation of bail.

9. The impugned judgment and order dated 17.12.2025 is set aside.

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

.....J.  
(SANJAY KAROL)

.....J.  
(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)

NEW DELHI;  
MARCH 16, 2026.

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(s).1661/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 17-12-2025 in SBCRMBA No.16427/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jaipur]

HITESH KUMAR

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF RAJASTHAN

RESPONDENT(S)

IA No.29406/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 16-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Rameshwar Singh Malik, Sr. Adv.  
Mr. Jitesh Malik, Adv.  
Mr. Jatin Hooda, Adv.  
Mr. Abhaya Nath Das, Adv.  
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Ms. Twinkle Rathi, Adv.  
Mr. Gourav Dixit, Adv.  
Mr. Satish Kumar, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Padmesh Mishra, A.A.G.  
Mr. S.. Udaya Kumar Sagar, 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.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(SOURAV PAL)  
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT  
(Signed order is placed on the file)

(ANU BHALLA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)