



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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____ OF 2026
[arising out of SLP (Cri.) No. 2882 OF 2026]**

LALDEI

APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P.

RESPONDENT

ORDER

1. Leave granted.
2. The High Court of Judicature at Allahabad by the impugned judgment and order dated 30th October, 2025, has dismissed the appellant's application for regular bail.
3. Appellant was arrested on 20th December, 2024 in connection with FIR No.0668 of 2024 dated 13th December, 2024 registered at Police Station GIDA, District Gorakhpur under Sections 80, 103(1) and 85 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.
4. We have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the materials on record.

5. Investigation revealed the complicity of the appellant, the mother-in-law of the victim, in the alleged offence. Chargesheet having been laid, the charges have also been framed on 30th April, 2025 but the evidence of not a single witness out of the twenty eight witnesses the prosecution proposes to examine to drive home the charges against the appellant has been recorded. Trial is, thus, likely to take time to conclude.

6. Taking an overall view of the matter, we are of the considered opinion that the appellant need not be detained in custody any longer and that she could be admitted to an order for release on bail pending trial.

7. Accordingly, we set aside the impugned judgment and order.

8. Appellant shall be released on bail, subject to furnishing of bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court and subject to such other terms and conditions as may be imposed by it.

9. Needless to observe, the appellant shall not, directly or indirectly, by making inducement, threat or promise, dissuade any person acquainted with the facts of the case from disclosing such facts to the court.

10. In the event there is any breach of the terms and conditions for grant of bail, the trial court shall be at liberty to cancel the bail of the appellant.

11. It is also ordered that the appellant shall diligently attend proceedings of the trial, unless exempted. If she abstains from attending the proceedings without justifiable cause, that could also be seen as breach of the conditions for grant of bail and the trial court will be free to pass appropriate orders.

12. We clarify that the observations made in this order and grant of bail will not be treated as findings on the merits of the case.

13. The appeal is, accordingly, allowed on the aforesaid terms.

14. Pending interlocutory application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

.....J.
[DIPANKAR DATTA]

.....J.
[SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA]

**New Delhi;
April 22, 2026.**

ITEM NO.3

COURT NO.8

SECTION II

**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**

Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 2882/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 30-10-2025 in CRMB No. 17599/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad]

LALDEI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF UP

Respondent(s)

IA No. 51580/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 51581/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 22-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA

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For Respondent(s) :Ms. Tulika Mukherjee, AOR
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Mr. Venkat Narayan, Adv.

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 placed on the file.

(JATINDER KAUR)
P.S. to REGISTRAR

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

