

ITEM NO.2

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 S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).2061/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 05-12-2025 in MCRC No. 39770/2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

AYUSH JHA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH &amp; ANR.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 36940/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 36941/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 20-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAY BISHNOI

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

1. The petitioner has been denied regular bail by the High Court in connection with First Information Report/ Crime No.315/2024 registered with Lordganj Police Station, District Jabalpur, State of Madhya Pradesh for the offence punishable

under Sections 376, 376(2)(n), 376-D, 386 and 506, respectively, of the Indian Penal Code (for short, "the IPC") and Sections 3, 4, 5(L) and 6, respectively, of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (for short, "the POCSO Act").

2. The petitioner, as on date is facing trial in Sessions Case No.SC 76/2024 pending in the Court of Additional Sessions Judge (POCSO), Jabalpur.

3. We take notice of the fact that the petitioner is in judicial custody past 1 year 9 months and 27 days.

4. At the relevant point of time, i.e., at the time of the commission of the alleged offence, he was 18 years of age and the victim was 13 years of age.

5. We are informed that the prosecution intends to examine, in all seventeen (17) witnesses. Out of 17 witnesses, fifteen (15) have already been examined. Only two (2) witnesses are now left to be examined.

6. The next date fixed by the Trial Court for examination of the two (2) witnesses is 28.04.2026.

7. We direct that on 28.04.2026, the recording of the oral evidence of the remaining two (2) witnesses shall be completed.

8. The Trial Court shall see to it that the entire trial comes to an end with judgment within a period of three (03) months from today.

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

10. The disposal of the trial shall be reported by the Trial Court to this Court.

11. Pending application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR)  
COURT MASTER (SH)

(POOJA SHARMA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)