

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. /2026

[Arising out of Special Leave Petition (Crl.) No. 1785/2026]

SHEKHAR KUMAR

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF JHARKHAND

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. This appeal arises from an order dated 20.12.2025 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi rejecting the anticipatory bail prayer of the appellant in connection with First Information Report No.116 of 2025 at P.S. Lalpur, Ranchi, Jharkhand.
4. After considering the submission of the learned counsel for the appellant, on 10.02.2026, this Court had passed the following order:

"1. The submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that while rejecting the anticipatory bail prayer of the petitioner, the High Court relied on a case Diary Entry regarding four criminal antecedents of the petitioner when, in fact, there were only three cases. One related to an offence punishable under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 against which an appeal is pending. The other two cases pertain to

offences punishable under Sections 406/420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. In one of those two, the matter was closed on compromise and in the other one, the petitioner has been acquitted. Besides above, it is submitted, the High Court failed to consider that the First Information Report was lodged after a complaint was made by the petitioner against the informant. It has also been submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated and the allegations are such where no custodial interrogation is required.

2. Issue notice, returnable in four weeks.

3. Notice on behalf of Caveator has been accepted by Mr. Ravi Raj Tomar, Advocate-on-Record.

4. In the meantime, it is directed that if the Petitioner is arrested in connection with P.S. Case No.116 of 2025 registered at P.S. Lalpur, Ranchi, Jharkhand, he shall be released on personal bond of Rs 25,000/- subject to an undertaking that he shall cooperate in the investigation and make himself available for interrogation as and when required by the investigating agency. He shall also submit an undertaking that he will not threaten any witness or tamper the evidence."

5. On service of notice, the State is represented. We have considered the submissions.

6. Upon consideration of submissions, we do not find a good reason to discharge the interim protection order granted earlier.

7. This appeal is, accordingly, disposed of by making the interim order dated 10.02.2026 absolute subject to the following conditions:

(A) Within three weeks from today, the appellant shall submit bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court along with an undertaking that he shall cooperate in the trial/investigation; and

(B) He shall submit an additional undertaking that he will not threaten the witnesses or tamper the evidence.

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

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[K. VINOD CHANDRAN]

New Delhi
April 01, 2026

ITEM NO.9

COURT NO.13

SECTION II-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.1785/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 20-12-2025 in ABA No. 5203/2025 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

SHEKHAR KUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF JHARKHAND

Respondent(s)

IA No. 31778/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 31779/2026 - 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

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

- 1. Leave granted.**
- 2. The appeal is disposed of in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.**
- 3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.**

**(KAVITA PAHUJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS**

**(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)**