



ITEM NO.1

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-B

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 SPetition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.3675/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 20-11-2025 in CRMM No. 49977/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

RAJESH KUMAR MENON

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 64176/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT & IA No. 66710/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 08-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. The petitioner has been denied anticipatory bail by the High Court in connection with the First Information Report No.138 of 2025 registered with the Police Station Khanna City 2, Police District Khanna, District Ludhiana, State of Punjab for the offence punishable under Section 64 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short "BNS 2023").

2. We heard Mr. Vikram Chaudhry, the learned Senior counsel appearing for the petitioner, Mr. Sachin Pujari, the learned counsel appearing for the Respondent No.2 (Original First Informant) and Mr. Karan Sharma, the learned counsel appearing for the State of Punjab.

3. We take notice of the Order dated 11th March, 2026 passed by a coordinate Bench of this Court.

4. The Order reads thus:-

"The case was taken up on mentioning.

Learned counsel for the petitioner pointed out that while issuing notice in the petition on 27.02.2026, interim stay of arrest was granted. However, the same is not reflected in the order.

We have checked from notes in the cause list, register of the Court Master and also recalled from our memory and find interim stay was granted to the petitioner on that day. However, the same is not reflected in the order passed.

Accordingly, the following interim order is granted to the petitioner:

"In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer in connection with FIR No.138 dated 11.08.2025 registered at Police Station Khanna City-2, District Khanna."

5. Having regard to the nature of the allegations and other materials on record and in the overall circumstances of this case, we are persuaded to exercise our discretion in favor of the petitioner.

6. The Order passed by this Court dated 11th March, 2026, referred to above, is made absolute.

7. With the aforesaid, this petition stands disposed of.

8. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(VISHAL ANAND)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)