

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Criminal Appeal No(s). /2026
SLP (CrL.) No(s). 3862/2026

SURENDRA NATH RAI

Appellant (s)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. In this case, a limited notice was issued on 18.02.2026 confined to imposition of costs as mentioned in paragraph 8 of the impugned judgment.
4. The submission on behalf of the appellant is that being a victim of crime, the appellant was advised to raise an objection regarding the medical condition of the accused who had submitted an application for interim relief. Therefore, under the belief that there is no possibility of him being examined in an hospital outside the

precincts of District Jail, a statement was made by the appellant questioning the correctness of the medical certificate. In the circumstances, there was no justification to impose costs as the statement was made in good faith.

5. Having regard to the above, we are of the view that imposition of costs of Rs. 2.5 lacs is not warranted. We, therefore, set aside the same.

6. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed to the extent indicated above.

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

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[MANOJ MISRA]

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[K. VINOD CHANDRAN]

New Delhi;
April 02, 2026.

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[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 15-12-2025
in CRA No. 6519/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at
Allahabad]

SURENDRA NATH RAI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

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FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

IA No. 50953/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 02-04-2026 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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Ms. Vedanshi Verma, Adv.

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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 allowed in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.

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

**(CHETAN ARORA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS**

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