

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(s). \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(arising out of SLP (CrI.) No(s).2272 of 2026)

CHITRANJAN SINGH

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(s). \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(arising out of SLP (CrI.) No(s).2600 of 2026)

AND

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(s). \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(arising out of SLP (CrI.) No(s).4351 of 2026)

O R D E R

CrI.A.@ S.L.P.(CrI) No.2272 of 2026:

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated judgment and order dated 17.01.2026 in Criminal Miscellaneous No.46713/2025 titled "*Shiv Kumar Singh & Ors. vs. State of Bihar & Anr.*" passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna.
3. On 11.02.2026, this Court passed the following order:-

"1. The Petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 17.01.2026 in CRLM No.46713/2025 titled "*Shiv Kumar Singh vs. State of Bihar & Anr.*" passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna.

2. Issue notice, returnable on 23.03.2026.

3. Mr. Azmat Hayat Amanullah, learned Advocate-on-Record accepts notice on behalf of the State of Bihar. Let notice be issued to respondent No.2.

4. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted. Let steps for service be taken within one week.

5. In the notice itself let it be mentioned that respondent is required to file a counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

6. Let counter affidavit by the appearing party be filed within two weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within one week thereafter.

7. In the event of arrest in connection with Complaint Case No.606 of 2024 registered for the offence punishable under Sections 420,406,323,504 & 506 of the IPC, the petitioner shall be released on bail by the Investigating/Arresting Officer on such terms and conditions as imposed and found to be just, fair and reasonable.

8. Needless to add, the petitioner would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses, in any manner, till the completion of the trial."

**4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and also perused the materials available on record.**

**5. It is not in dispute that the conditions stand fully complied with; the appellant has cooperated during the investigation; he has not threatened or intimidated any of the witnesses; or has tried to influence the investigation in any manner.**

**6. We have noticed the nature of crime and the manner in which it was allegedly committed.**

7. We allow the present appeal by confirming the order dated 11.02.2026, passed by this Court, with a direction to the appellant to continue to cooperate during the investigation/trial and not to take any unnecessary adjournment. Also, the appellant shall report before the Investigating Officer every alternate Monday, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., till such time the investigation is complete in all respects.

8. If the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court feels that the investigation/trial is delayed on account of the appellant's conduct, it shall be open to the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court to take appropriate steps in accordance with the law, including cancellation of bail.

9. Further, if the appellant possesses passport, the same shall be surrendered before the Competent Authority/Court, till the conclusion of the Trial.

10. The impugned judgment and order dated 17.01.2026 is set aside.

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

CrL.A. @ S.L.P. (CrL.) No(s).2600 of 2026:

1. Leave granted.

2. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated 17.01.2026 in Criminal Miscellaneous No.46713/2025, titled "*Shiv Kumar Singh & Ors. vs. The State of Bihar & Anr.*", passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna.

**3. On 18.02.2026, this Court passed the following order:-**

"1. The petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 17.01.2026 in Criminal Miscellaneous No.46713/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna, titled "Shiv Kumar Singh & Ors. vs. The State of Bihar & Anr.".

2. Mr. Azmat H. Amanullah, learned Advocate on Record, accepts notice on behalf of respondent no.1/State. Hence, the formal service of notice on the said respondent is waived off.

3. Issue notice to respondent no.2.

4. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted. Let steps for service be taken within one week.

5. In the notice itself let it be mentioned that the respondent is required to file the counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

6. Let respondent no.1 shall file counter affidavit within three (03) weeks. Rejoinder affidavit thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of listing.

7. In the event of arrest in connection with Complaint Case No.606 of 2024 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate (II Class), District Court Ara, Bhojpur, the petitioner shall be released on bail on the appropriate terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

8. The petitioner shall make himself available before the Investigating Officer on 25.02.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as he may be required.

9. Needless to add, till the investigation is not complete in all respects, the petitioner would fully cooperate, and if the challan/charge

sheet is filed, he would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses in any manner till the completion of the trial.

10. Tag with SLP(Crl.) No.2272 of 2026.”

4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and also perused the materials available on record.

5. It is not in dispute that the conditions stand fully complied with; the appellant has cooperated during the investigation; he has not threatened or intimidated any of the witnesses; or has tried to influence the investigation in any manner.

6. We have noticed the nature of crime and the manner in which it was allegedly committed.

7. We allow the present appeal by confirming the order dated 18.02.2026, passed by this Court, with a direction to the appellant to continue to cooperate during the investigation/trial and not to take any unnecessary adjournment. Also, the appellant shall report before the Investigating Officer every alternate Monday, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., till such time the investigation is complete in all respects.

8. If the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court feels that the investigation/trial is delayed on account of the appellant's conduct, it shall be open to the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court to take appropriate steps in accordance with the law, including cancellation of bail.

9. Further, if the appellant possesses a passport, the same shall be surrendered before the Competent Authority/Court, till the conclusion of the Trial.

10. The impugned judgment and order dated 17.01.2026 is set aside.

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

Crl.A. @ S.L.P.(Crl.) No.4351 of 2026:

1. Leave granted.

2. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated 17.01.2026 in Criminal Miscellaneous No.46713/2025, titled "*Shiv Kumar Singh & Ors. vs. The State of Bihar & Anr.*", passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna.

3. On 16.03.2026, this Court passed the following order:-

"1. The petitioner challenge the judgment and order dated 17.01.2026 in Criminal Miscellaneous No. 46713 of 2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna.

2. Mr. Prem Prakash, Advocate-on-Record accepts notice on behalf of the State of Bihar. Hence, the formal service of notice on the respondent-State is waived.

3. Issue notice to respondent No.2.

4. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted. Service to be effected through the concerned S.H.O..

5. In the notice itself, let it be mentioned that respondent is required to file a counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

6. In the event of arrest in connection

with Complaint Case No. 606 of 2024 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate (II Class), District Court Ara, Bhojpur, Bihar the petitioner shall be released on bail by the Investigating/Arresting Officer on such terms and conditions as imposed and found to be just, fair and reasonable.

7. The petitioner shall make himself available before the Investigating Officer on 23.03.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as they may be required.

8. Needless to add, the petitioner would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses, in any manner, till the completion of the trial.

9. Tag with SLP(Crl.) No. 2272 of 2026."

4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and also perused the materials available on record.

5. It is not in dispute that the conditions stand fully complied with; the appellant has cooperated during the investigation; he has not threatened or intimidated any of the witnesses; or has tried to influence the investigation in any manner.

6. We have noticed the nature of crime and the manner in which it was allegedly committed.

7. We allow the present appeal by confirming the order dated 16.03.2026, passed by this Court, with a direction to the appellant to continue to cooperate during the investigation/trial and not to take any unnecessary adjournment. Also, the appellant shall report before the Investigating Officer every alternate Monday, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., till such time the investigation is

complete in all respects.

8. If the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court feels that the investigation/trial is delayed on account of the appellant's conduct, it shall be open to the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court to take appropriate steps in accordance with the law, including cancellation of bail.

9. Further, if the appellant possesses a passport, the same shall be surrendered before the competent Authority/Court, till the conclusion of the Trial.

10. The impugned judgment and order dated 17.01.2026 is set aside.

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

.....J.  
(SANJAY KAROL)

.....J.  
(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)

NEW DELHI;  
24-04-2026.

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (CrI.) No(s).2272/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 17-01-2026 in CRLM No.46713/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

CHITRANJAN SINGH

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR &amp; ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

IA No. 40780/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 40781/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

WITH

SLP(CrI) No. 2600/2026 (II-A)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

IA No. 46866/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

SLP(CrI) No. 4351/2026 (II-A)

IA No. 76044/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 76049/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 24-04-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASHI

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Punit Vinay, AOR

Ms. Sanra Singpho, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Anshul Narayan, Adv.

Mrs. Vineeta Singh, Adv.

Mr. Anshuman Harsh, Adv.

Mr. Prem Prakash, AOR

Mr. Azmat Hayat Amanullah, AOR

Ms. Rebecca Mishra, Adv.

Ms. Vanshita Gupta, Adv.

Mr. Sagar Chauhan, Adv.

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

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

(D. NAVEEN)  
COURT MASTER (SH)

(ANU BHALLA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)