

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(s). _____ OF 2026
(arising out of SLP (Crl.) No(s).2381 of 2026)**

ANIL SONI

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated 27.01.2026 in Misc. Criminal Case No.54633/2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur, titled "*Anil Soni vs. The State of Madhya Pradesh*".
3. On 13.02.2026, this Court passed the following order:-

"1. The petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 27.01.2026 in MCRC No.54633/2025 titled "*Anil Soni vs. State of Madhya Pradesh*" passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal seat at Jabalpur.

2. Issue notice, returnable on 23.03.2026.

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

4. Ms. Mrinal Gopal Elker, learned Advocate-on-Record accepts notice on behalf of the State of Madhya Pradesh.

5. Let counter affidavit be filed within two weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within one week thereafter.

6. In the event of arrest in connection with FIR No.111 of 2025 registered at Police Station Mahila Thana, District Rewa, M.P., the petitioner shall be released on bail on the appropriate terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

7. The petitioner shall make himself available before the Investigating Officer on 20.02.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as he may be required.

8. 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."

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 13.02.2026, 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. The impugned judgment and order dated 27.01.2026 is set aside.

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

.....J.
(SANJAY KAROL)

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

NEW DELHI
23-03-2026

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 (Crl.) No(s).2381/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 27-01-2026 in MCRC No.54633/2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

ANIL SONI

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 42765/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 23-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Vikas Upadhyay, AOR
Ms. Ankita Kashyap, Adv.
Mr. Ranveer Singh, Adv.
Mr. Shiva Narang, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :Ms. Mirnal Gopal Elker, AOR

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.

(D. NAVEEN)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)