



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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.791 OF 2026
@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO.2325/2026**

JAGROOP SINGH

...APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ANR.

...RESPONDENTS

O R D E R

1. Heard learned counsel appearing for the appellant and Ms. Nupur Kumar, learned AOR who is on advance notice appearing for respondent No.1 - State and she vehemently opposes the bail being granted.
2. Leave granted.
3. Respondent No.2 - M/s Pearson India Education Service Pvt. Ltd. received a tip of two e-mails

regarding irregularities at the Test Centres at Jalandhar and based on the said tip received, the company conducted its investigation and it found that in the test schedule to be given by the appellant on 11.06.2022 for PTE Examination, he had been allowed to sit at workstation No.4 which was the station allotted to one Mr. Vicky Kumar Singla and thereby the sitting arrangement was swapped to have undue advantage and this incident has been captured on CCTV footage based on which the FIR came to be registered for the offence punishable under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 read with Sections 44 and 46 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 against the appellant and others.

4. After having heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties, we notice that the investigation has been completed qua three accused and it is stated by the learned counsel appearing for respondent No.1 - State that the appellant has also appeared for the investigation before the

Investigation Officer on 19.09.2025 and we find appellant - accused has been cooperating with the investigation. The further investigation, if any, is to be carried out would have to be necessarily not only against the appellant but also against the other accused for which the liberty is granted to the prosecution to proceed and we also direct the appellant to cooperate with such investigation and appear as and when called upon by virtue of the same. Thus, apprehension of the prosecution if any also gets allayed.

5. In the light of the aforestated facts, we are of the considered view that appellant is entitled for being released on anticipatory bail and subject to such other and further conditions as the Investigating Officer may deem it fit to impose including the condition of directing the appellant to appear on all dates of hearing before the trial court unless exempted. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed.

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

.....J.
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

.....J.
(PRASANNA B. VARALE)

NEW DELHI;
FEBRUARY 09, 2026.

ITEM NO.76

COURT NO.14

SECTION II-B

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).2325/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 15-01-2026 in CRM-M No.39173/2025 passed by
the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

JAGROOP SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ANR.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 41555/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 41556/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 09-02-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Ramchandra Madan, AOR
Mr. Ankur Bansal, Adv.
Mr. Tushar Nigam, Adv.
Mr. Himanshu Yadav, Adv.
Mr. Himanshu Shembekar, Adv.
Mr. Pratap Singh, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the
following

O R D E R

Leave granted.

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

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

(NEHA GUPTA)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)