



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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL No. \_\_\_\_\_/2026  
[Arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.2948/2026]**

**JITENDRA DHAKAD/YADAV**

**APPELLANT**

**VERSUS**

**THE STATE OF  
MADHYA PRADESH**

**RESPONDENT**

**ORDER**

1. Leave granted.
2. The High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur, by its order dated 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026, has dismissed the prayer of the appellant for bail in anticipation of arrest. This appeal is directed against such order.
3. Appellant figures as an accused in FIR No.0074 of 2025 dated 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 registered at Police Station Raigaon, District Satna, Madhya Pradesh under Sections 318(4), 319(2), 336(3), 338 and 340(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023<sup>1</sup>.

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4. We have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.
5. It is not in dispute that the appellant has joined investigation in terms of the earlier order of this Court.
6. Having regard to the nature of allegations and the fact that the appellant has joined investigation, we are of the considered opinion that his detention for custodial interrogation is not necessary and that he may be admitted to an order for grant of bail in anticipation of arrest.
7. Accordingly, we set aside the impugned judgment and order.
8. It is directed that in the event of the appellant being arrested, he shall be released on bail on terms and conditions to be imposed by the trial court.
9. Since the investigation *qua* the appellant is yet to conclude, we direct that if the investigating officer calls upon the appellant to attend the police station for further interrogation, he shall do so by attending the police station failing which liberty is granted to bring any such omission to the notice of the trial court and seek cancellation of bail.
10. Needless to observe, the appellant shall not,

directly or indirectly, by making inducement, threat or promise, dissuade any person acquainted with the facts of the case from disclosing such facts to any police officer or to the court.

11. We clarify that the observations made in this order and grant of bail to the appellant in anticipation of arrest will not be treated as findings on the merits of the case.

12. The appeal is, accordingly, allowed on the aforesaid terms.

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

.....J.  
**(DIPANKAR DATTA)**

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

**New Delhi;  
May 19, 2026.**

ITEM NO.1

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SECTION II-E

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 S

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)  
No.2948/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated  
21-01-2026 in MCRC No.59905/2025 passed by the High  
Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

JITENDRA DHAKAD/YADAV

Petitioner

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent

FOR ADMISSION

I.A. No.53018/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 19-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing  
today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

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Mr. Srajan Yadav, Adv.

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

**(MANIK KUMAR)                      (SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)**  
**SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT      COURT MASTER (NSH)**  
**(signed order is placed on the file)**